SMART™ Lesson
Literary Elements

When analyzing literature, it's important to understand the key elements used by the author to create a unique story. Here are some of the most important literary elements:

- **Characterization:** The way the author creates and develops the characters in the story.
- **Plot:** The events and actions that make up the story.
- **Setting:** The time and place where the story takes place, including the atmosphere and mood of the environment.
- **Point of view:** The perspective from which the story is told.
- **Theme:** The central message or lesson the author is trying to convey through the story.
- **Symbols:** Objects, actions or characters that have a deeper meaning beyond their literal definition.
- **Irony:** When the opposite of what's expected happens, creating a contrast between reality and appearance.

Questions

1. What is characterization?
2. What is the plot of the story?
3. What is setting?
4. What is point of view?
5. What is the central message the author is trying to convey?
6. What are symbols?
7. What is irony?

Now that you have a basic understanding of the literary elements, let's practice analyzing literature using these concepts.