

Title of novel:

**Era of novel—Circle all the eras connected to the novel.**

**Era 1**—Three Worlds Meet **Era 2**—Colonization and Settlement **Era 3**—Revolution and New Nation  
**Era 4**—Expansion and Reform **Era 5**—Civil War and Reconstruction **Era 6**—The development of the Industrial United States **Era 7**—The Emergence of Modern America **Era 8**—The Great Depression and World War II **Era 9**—Postwar United States **Era 10**—Contemporary United States

Use this organizer to chart the novel you are reading. List the events. What is happening to your main character? Why is it happening? Track the characters, conflicts, settings, and events of the novel and decide which category the event belongs. Be sure to support your reasoning using page numbers and historical facts.

<b>Chapter 1</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>List Events</b>
				Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 2</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>List Events</b>
				Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>Events</b>
				Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>List Events</b>
				Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 5</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>Events</b>

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<b>Chapter 6</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>List Events</b>  Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 7</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>Events</b>  Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>List Events</b>  Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 9</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>Events</b>  Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 10</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>List Events</b>  Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 11</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>Events</b>

				Economic Natural Social Political
<b>Chapter 12</b>	<b>Characters</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>	<b>Settings</b>	<b>List Events</b>  Economic Natural Social Political

### Chronological Thinking

After completing your novel and filling in the chart above, use the information to complete the following tasks:

1. Create a timeline for the book using the main events of the story.
2. Briefly describe the historical setting of the main character's past and present life and predict his or her future given your knowledge of U.S. historical events. You may want to read about major historical events occurring at the end of the novel. Predicting your character's future requires a little research.
3. What conflict or problem did your main character face, and how did your main character grow and change as he or she dealt with conflicts over time.
4. List sequentially the eras described in the novel. Begin with the earliest year mentioned in the book and describe the events that follow approximating the dates that are most likely. Describe what changed and what remained the same.
5. Compare your character's life events. Did his or her life improve, worsen, or remain the same over time? Did any of the historical events he or she lived through impact his or her future?

### Historical Comprehension

After completing your novel and filling in the chart above, use the information to complete the following tasks:

1. Write a short opinion paragraph explaining whether the novel's narrator is a reliable historical resource. Do you think that others might perceive the events the novel describes differently? Why or why not.
2. Identify the most important historical event described in the novel. Then in a paragraph tell what happened, who was involved, where it happened, events leading up to it and the consequences.
3. List the novel's historical facts and historical opinions. For example, "Indian Removal" was a historical fact, but whether it was negative or positive is a historical opinion.

4. Write a short paper explaining how the novel reveals about the character living through the historical events. What are his or her values, outlook, motives, hopes, strengths, or weaknesses.
5. Describe the history through which the main character lives and provide a commentary on your perception of the era because of the character's experiences. Would another person living through the same era have this perception?

## **Historical Analysis and Interpretation**

After completing your novel and filling in the chart above, use the information to complete the following tasks:

1. Compare the motives of historical actors within the novel. How do the behaviors or actions create conflicts withing the reading?
2. How do motives, beliefs and interests determine the perspectives of characters in the novel.
3. Identify at least five cause and effect events within the novel that guided the main character's personal history. For example, a mother's death might create a change in a child's future.
4. How might different choices made by actors within the novel have changed the outcome? For example, if early leaders of our country decided not to declare independence from Great Britain, how might that have changed life as we know it?
5. Describe the main conflict in the novel. How did the historical context determine the outcome?

## **Historical Research Capabilities**

After completing your novel and filling in the chart above, use the information to complete the following tasks:

1. Pick a major event occurring in the novel and find three primary sources that connect to the event. Who created the source and why? Is it authentic? What evidence demonstrates that the source is legitimate? What does the source disclose about the creator's point of view?
2. Choose an important historical person who lived during the era when the novel is set. Research the person and write a short biography discussing why that person is important and how the era impacted the person's life.

## **Historical Issues**

After completing your novel and filling in the chart above, use the information to complete the following tasks:

1. List at least four problems that the main character in the novel faces. Choose one of the problems on the list and connect it to problems facing some citizens in the United States today. What are some possible solutions to these problems? Explain your response.
2. Have the issues faced by the character gone away or are these issues still around? Explain.