Retelling Guide

1. **Introduction**

Begin with the title and the author of the story. Then, tell where and when the story is set.

1. **Characters**

Tell the characters’ names, and explain how the characters are connected to one another. Tell what the main character wants.

1. **Conflict**

What is the main character’s problem or

conflict? In other words, what’s keeping the

main character from getting what he or she

wants?

1. **Complications**

Tell the main events—what happens as the

characters try to solve the conflict.

1. **Climax**

Describe the climax, the most suspenseful

moment in the story.

1. **Resolution**

Tell what happens after the climax. How does the story end?

1. **Personal Response**

Give your response to the story by telling what you thought of it.

Retelling Rating Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Text \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS:** Use the following checklist to have someone rate your retelling. Ask the listener to decide if you do each item listed below a little, some, a lot, or not at all. Work on those things that you don’t do or only do a little.

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**Not at all** **A little**  **Some**  **A lot**

**Does this retelling**

1. Have a good beginning that cites the title and author and describes the setting?
2. Cite the characters’ names and explain how the characters are connected?
3. Tell what the main character wants?
4. Identify the conflict or problem?
5. Include the main events?
6. Keep those main events in the correct sequence?
7. Explain how the conflict or problem was resolved?
8. Provide a personal comment about the story?