# ANALYZING SHORT STORY ELEMENTS

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1. Your task:

a. Read over the Short Story Elements sheet.

b. Analyze all four short stories by looking for the elements.

c. Write phrases/sentences to answer each of the elements.

d. Use this sheet as your template.

e. Please turn in as one document. I will have a file where you can upload it.

**2. \_AUTHOR FULL NAME:\_** Raymond Douglas Bradbury**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Short story title” in quotes: “There Will Come Soft Rains**

**A. Setting: (fill in as many as apply)**

1. Place: Allendale, California
2. Time: August 4, 2026
3. Weather conditions: Raining
4. Social conditions: No Social Conditions
5. mood/atmosphere: Lonely

**B. Plot: de*scribe each part of the plot***

1. Introduction (setting/char): We meet the fully automated house and find that the entire city was wiped out by a nuclear strike.
2. Rising action: The poem *There will Come Soft Rains* is read and the tree falls onto the house, starting a fire
3. Climax: The fire consumes the house
4. Falling Action: House stops burning
5. Denouement: The single wall repeats the date

**C. Conflict:**

1. Type: External/Internal – explain: External because it is a fight between man made house and the fire, both physical things.
2. Kind: Choose one and explain**:** This is a Person versus Nature conflict, as the personified house is battling the flames created from a natural cause.

**D. Character: *Choose the most important characters (add more categories if needed)***

1. Protagonist’s name: The House

Characteristics of the house:

Logical, Algorithmic

Type of char. – individual, developing, static:

Static because it is defined purely by its programming and does not change throughout the story

1. Antagonist’s name: The Fire

Characteristics of the Fire:

Angry, Clever

Type of char. – individual, developing, static:

Static because it is defined by its nature and does not change throughout the story

**E. Point of View**

1. Type? Third Person Limited
2. Why? It is told from a perspective outside of the story but it does not have access to the character’s thoughts, just what they do.

**F. Theme: The ability for Humans to destroy themselves with Technology**

This story shows an already obliterated world and humans’ destruction to themselves and nature that they have done.

3. Citation for this short story in MLA format.

Bradbury, Ray. *There Will Come Soft Rains.* Broom-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Jan 25, 2013, <https://www.btboces.org/Downloads/7_There%20Will%20Come%20Soft%20Rains%20by%20Ray%20Bradbury.pdf>. Accessed April 6, 2020.