# 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.

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**Short story title” in quotes: “The Veldt”**

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

1. Place: A HappyLife house owned by the Hadley
2. Time: Sometime in the future
3. Weather conditions: In the veldt, it is hot and sunny
4. Social conditions: George and his wife are tired of all the automation that is taking over their children’s lives, and their children are addicted to the automation and would do anything to keep the house online
5. mood/atmosphere: Very aggressive by the children, alarmed from the adults

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

1. Introduction (setting/char): We are introduced to George Hadley and his wife. They live in a HappyLife house, which is fully automated and comes with a nursery room that can transform into any scenery imaginable. Their children, Peter and Wendy, are addicted to the nursery room. However, for the past couple of weeks, the nursery has been stuck as an African Veldt.
2. Rising action: Because of the children’s addiction, they decide to take a vacation from all of the automation. The children freak out.
3. Climax: The children lock their parents in the Veldt, where they are eaten by lions.
4. Falling Action: Mr Mclean comes to pick the children
5. Denouement: There is no denouement.

**C. Conflict:**

1. Type: External/Internal – explain: External because it is the Children going against their parent’s will.
2. Kind: Choose one and explain**:** This is a Person Versus person conflict because it is the Parents trying to control their children and their children killing them.

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

1. Protagonist’s name: George and Lydia Hadley

Characteristics of George and Lydia

George is strict towards his children

Lydia is more relaxed towards his children, but she is skiddish while in the nursery.

Type of char. – individual, developing, static

Both George and Lydia are both static characters as they don’t develop through the story.

1. Antagonist’s name: Peter and Wendy Hadley

Characteristics of Peter and Wendy

Both peter and Wendy are aggressive towards their parents

Type of char. – individual, developing, static

They are developing characters, as they develop from addicts to the Nursery to aggressive killers by the end of the story.

**E. Point of View**

1. Type?: Third person limited
2. Why?: Because it is told from the view of someone not in the story and we can’t read anyone’s direct thoughts.

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

This story shows the children killing their parents using the technology, while also being destroyed by their addiction to technology.

3. Citation for this short story in MLA format.

Bradbury, Ray. *The Veldt.* Jefferson Union High School District, 2016, <https://www.juhsd.net/cms/lib/CA01902464/Centricity/Domain/256/2016_The%20Veldt.pdf>. Accessed April 6, 2020.