



**INDEPENDENT
ANALYSIS**

TWO

MYSTERIES

TITLE

AUTHOR

WHEN



WHERE



SETTING

POINT OF VIEW

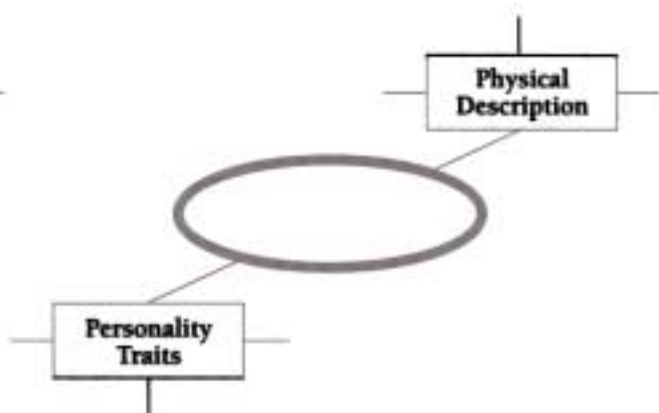
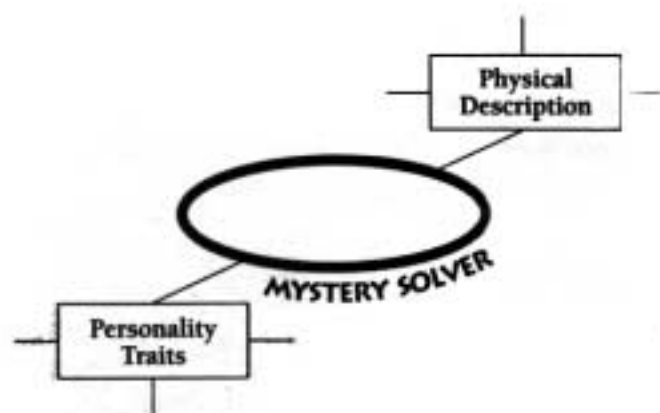



PLOT DEVELOPMENT

**Mysterious
Event**

Motive

Solution



 SOLVE THE MYSTERY	What Does the Mystery Solver Think?	What Does the Reader Think?	Useful Clue	Red Herring
CLUE #1				
CLUE #2				
CLUE #3				
CLUE #4				

TEACHER-DIRECTED

MYSTERIES

ACTIVITY

WITNESS!



How keen are your powers of observation? You have just witnessed a mysterious event. Without discussing the event with anyone, record your observations. Try to complete every item. If you are unable to respond to any item, put a question mark on that line.

EYEWITNESS REPORT

Event

Date _____

Time _____ A.M. or P.M. to _____ A.M. or P.M.

Location _____

What happened? _____

Was anything taken during this event? Yes or No. If yes, complete this section:

Object stolen _____ Color _____ Dimensions _____

Weight _____ Value _____ Owner _____

Was anything left behind during this event? Yes or No. If yes, complete this section:

Object left _____ Color _____ Dimensions _____

Weight _____ Value _____

Suspect

Male or Female _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Eye color _____ Hair color _____

Distinguishing features _____

Clothing _____

Do you know the suspect? Yes or No

If yes, name of suspect _____



WHAT COULD IT MEAN?

A good detective must keep an open mind while considering all possible explanations for an event.

Keep an open mind when you read about the events below. Write at least two possible explanations for each event. Remember not to jump to any conclusions.



▲ When the Smith family got home from a two-week vacation in the Bahamas, the first thing they noticed was that lights were on in their house. What could it mean?

1. _____
2. _____

▲ They could hear music coming from the house. What could it mean?

1. _____
2. _____

▲ They could hear their dog barking. What could it mean?

1. _____
2. _____

▲ They could see some of their possessions lying on the lawn. What could it mean?

1. _____
2. _____

▲ As the Smiths pulled up, the next-door neighbor ran across the yard waving frantically. What could it mean?

1. _____
2. _____

▲ On a separate sheet of paper, write a short paragraph to explain all these events.