

## *Though the Tunnel* Worksheet

**A - Instructions:** On a separate piece of paper look up each word and write a definition. Use a dictionary or reference PC to assist you. Please write out the word and then the definition.

Beseech  
Contrition  
Defiant  
Incredulous  
Supplication

Impatient  
Conscientiously  
Promontory  
Luminous  
Myriad

**B - Instructions:** On a separate sheet of paper answer the following questions. Express your answers using complete sentences.

1. Where is the setting of this story?
2. Where does Jerry go on the second day of his vacation?
3. What makes Jerry feel humiliated in front of the older boys?
4. How does the dialogue with the older boys help the setting?
5. How does Jerry prepare for his attempt to swim through the tunnel?
6. How does Jerry feel about himself after swimming through the tunnel?
7. How would you describe Jerry's relationship with his mother?
8. Why do you think it is so important to Jerry to take the risk he did?
9. This story had both external conflict and internal conflict. Which conflict was more important? Defend your answer.

**C - Instructions: *Literary Analysis: Plot.*** On your own paper, create the literary analysis graph (see page 2) on your own paper. Fill in the sections for Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, and Falling Action, and Resolution.

# *Literary Analysis: Plot*

The diagram consists of a thick black line that starts with a horizontal segment on the left, rises to a peak, falls to a horizontal segment on the right, and then rises again to a peak. Five rectangular boxes are connected to these segments: Exposition (bottom left), Rising Action (middle left), Climax (top peak), Falling Action (middle right), and Resolution (bottom right). Each box contains a title and several horizontal lines for writing.

**Exposition**

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**Rising Action**

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**Climax**

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**Falling Action**

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**Resolution**

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Instructions:  
Fill in the information from the story that best fits the definitions for the stages of plot.