

Short Story Elements: Worksheet

Name of Story: **The Veldt**

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1. Setting

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| Place | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Happyhome [hadley's house] 2. The nursery/African Veldt |
| Time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future – how do we know this?? |
| Weather conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Hot in the veldt/africa • Ocean was cool (breeze) |
| Social conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wealthy family • George believes he can buy happiness |
| Mood/atmosphere | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tense, scary, suspenseful. |

2. Plot

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| Introduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lydia has some concerns about the veldt/nursery, and she asks George to call the psychologist to come in. |
| Rising Action | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McClean is called in and says the veldt is not healthy for children and should be shut down • George threatens to shut down nursery • George finally shuts down the nursery • Parents get locked in nursery by children |
| Climax | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George and Lydia get eaten by lions in the veldt |
| Falling Action | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McClean watches lions finish feeding • Vultures dropping down in the veldt |
| Denouement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids get what they want and pretend nothing happened • Offer McClean tea while he waits for George and Lydia |

3. Conflict (please include supporting details)

Type of Conflict: **External (Hadley parents vs technology, children)**