

Short Story Elements: Worksheet

Name of Story: **The Veldt**

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1. Setting

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

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)**