GLOSSARY OF USEFUL EXPRESSIONS TO WRITE ABOUT LITERATURE

SORT OF TEXT

* The text is a \*sort of text\* about..
* Sort of texts: narration, description, advertisement, report, brochure, instruction manual, conversation, dialogue, discussion, interview, song, poem, cartoon, photograph, letter, comic, story, fairy tale, short story.

CONTENTS

* The \* tells \*about../The text reports on../The text deals with...

the question wh../the problem of ....ing/ the statement that.., the idea that , the vision of...,

the situation of ..., the advantages and disadvantages of ..., the conflict / the comparison / the relationship between ... and....,

* \* narrator, author, advertiser, reporter, persons, interviewer, song writer, poet, cartoonist, photographer, letter writer, storyteller.
* \*the reader, the listener, us, the viewer.

SETTING

* The setting of the text is in/ near
* \*at a school, in Sydney, in Australia,
* The action takes place in/during the time when\*/in an atmosphere of \*
* in the morning of a bright day, in July, in 1999,
* peacefulness, calmness, in an unfriendly / friendly / tense / hostile atmosphere, in the .. world of

CHARACTERS

* The main characters are \*/ X is a person who seems to me to be \* because...
* \* clever - stupid, interesting - boring, lazy - hard-working, difficult - simple, honest - dishonest, sensible - careless, strong - weak, fair - unfair, friendly - unfriendly, independent - dependent, happy - unhappy, lucky – unlucky
* His/her feelings/reasons/ motives are \*
* \* realistic, understandable, hard to understand
* I don't find X likeable because.../I don't think X is very convincing because...
* His/her behaviour seems to change in the course of the story.
* The story might have ended differently if X..

PLOT

* The text can be divided into ... parts.
* The first part is about...

The turning point / the climax is reached when

* The happy ending is (isn't) surprising because....
* I find the plot of the story\*
* \* great, interesting, exciting, terrific, sad, awful, funny, simple, realistic, far-fetched, absurd,
* The story is told from ........'s point of view.
* The story shows some positive/ negative aspects of ......

MESSAGE

* It mentions.../ presents.../ attempts to catch.../ voices his/her..

POINTS/PROBLEM/SOLUTIONS

* The main points are.....
* In line .... it says for example that..
* The beginning / climax/ ending is (isn't) surprising (at all).
* Some questions can't be answered for example why ......

PERSONAL OPINION

* I find the text because it reminds me of ...
* \*good, great, interesting, exciting, terrific, sad, awful, funny, simple, realistic, far-fetched, absurd
* My first impression was that ......., but later ....
* In my opinion the \*is right when he/she says that .....
* So all in all I liked/enjoyed the \* because it gave me the idea that I could see the \*in the same way./So all in all I disliked the \* because I would feel, act differently

•\*the question, the problem of ....ing, the statement that.., the idea that ..., the vision of..., the situation of ..., the advantages and disadvantages of ..., the solution