

## Stories revolve around the Sun

### I. Setting

All summer in a day and Sunshine are examples of science fiction stories. Mention at least three elements from each story that make it evident that the story happens in a distant future.

### II. Plot

#### a) Exposition

All stories start with the exposition of a problem. All summer in a day and Sunshine both pose the typical conflict of man-versus-nature. Explain exactly what the problem is in each one and how it is exposed.

#### b) Major and minor conflicts

1. What is the major conflict in each story?
2. Describe one of the minor conflicts in each story.

#### c) Climax

What is the climax of each story?

#### d) Resolution

1. What is the resolution of each story? How do the resolutions differ?
2. Suggest an alternative ending for each story.

### III. Techniques

#### a) Atmosphere

1. Compare and contrast how the atmosphere is set in each story.
2. Mention some elements from the text and the movie that help create an atmosphere in the future. (eg. technology)

#### b) Foreshadowing

1. In Sunshine, the background music helps to foreshadow the death of the captain when he's fixing the solar shield. Which elements from All summer in a day help foreshadowing Margot's tragedy?

### IV. Theme

1. In Sunshine some characters sacrifice their lives in order to save humanity. How is the attitude from the children in All summer in a day different?
2. How is fate or destiny portrayed in both stories?

