

ELA 20-1

The Boat by Alistair McLeod

Character Analysis Tracking Chart

Keep track of key details related to the characters, key events, conflicts and symbols present in the short story. Read the story in sections, and take thorough notes after reading each section.

Section 1: Narrative Hook, Exposition, Setting and Atmosphere

Section 2: Exposition

Section 3: Inciting Incident, Climax, Falling Action, Resolution.

Conflict, Character, Irony, Foreshadowing, Complications, and Theme occur throughout the story.

The Mother	The Father
The Sisters	The Narrator

Elements Chart

*Use the "Narrative Elements" handout to fill in the chart below.
EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWERS.*

Narrative Hook	
Exposition - Flashbacks & Antecedent Action	

Setting & Atmosphere	
Inciting Incident	
Moment(s) of Epiphany	
External Conflict	
Internal Conflict	
Complications	
Suspense (identify places of suspense and how suspense is created)	

Climax and Turning Point (why is this the climax?)	
Resolution /Outcome(s)	
Irony of Situation	
Foreshadowing	
Theme(s)	

SYMBOLS AND METAPHORS

The boat

books

The tourists

...the brass chains on his wrists...”:

...the seaweed (entangled)
in his hair...”

“...wedged between two boulders...”