Short Story Group Work

For your assigned story, you will need to answer the following questions.

1. What was your story about? Give a brief summary of all of the major events.
2. Who were the major characters of your story?
3. How were the people **characterized**? (What kind of people are they? How do you know?)

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| Character | Personality Trait | evidence |
| Ex. Maitre Hauchecorne from Piece of String | Paranoid and concerned about others | He continued to pronounce his innocence even though it had already been proven. He could not stand that people joked that they didn’t believe him. |
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1. What is the setting? How did it affect the story (would the story be different if it took place in a different place or time?)
2. What other literary devices are used? (hint: look for irony, foreshadowing, and imagery) Give an example and explain how it is that device.
3. What do you think is a THEME of your story? (this is the big idea or point of the story. What do you think the author is trying to say with this story?)
   * Note: there can be more than one theme to a story. Try to write the theme in a statement, not as a piece of advice.
   * Ex: For “The Piece of String”, a theme might be: “It is important to let go of small things, or else there can be dire consequences”. OR “Human cruelty, which can come from boredom, can destroy innocent people.”
4. Provide some evidence to support your theme. Where and how do you see your theme in your story?
5. Look at one of the literary terms you already discussed in this sheet (characterization, setting, foreshadowing, imagery, irony, etc). How does the use of one of these help develop your theme?