Short Story Questionnaire

Use this with a partner during any point of the short story writing process.

1. Who is the main character? Is their name, age, gender (if important), and looks apparent?
2. What do we know about what kind of person they are? How is this shown in the story?
   1. For example, are they kind, outgoing, anxious, insensitive, brave, modest, lacking self-esteem, athletic, and so on.
   2. How does the writer plan to show the character’s personality in an interesting way?
3. What is the setting of the story (when and where it takes place; weather conditions; societal conditions, etc.)?
4. How is the setting important to the story?
5. What type of conflict is in the story (circle all that apply):
   1. Human versus human
   2. Human versus self
   3. Human versus nature
   4. Human versus society
6. Please explain the conflict/problem.
7. Please explain how the problem will be solved.