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2.1 Close Reading Worksheet - My Observations and Questions

2.1 Close Reading Notes	Chosen Text:
<p>The setting and the mood of the text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where does the story occur?• What emotions are shown throughout the story?	
<p>The characters of text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is involved in the story?• How are these characters described in the story? Describe each.	
<p>The conflict or problems occurring in text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look for the initial incident that leads to the main conflict or issue in the story	
<p>The purpose of the text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What idea about human nature is the author communicating to the reader?	
<p>The plot of the text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider events that tie the story	

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together from start to finish	
Part of the text I do understand	
Parts of the text I do not understand	

2.1 Close Reading Worksheet - Protagonist Response

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In the left-hand column, write down four complex questions that you raised in your **Close Reading Notes Chart**. These must go beyond factual questions about setting or character. Review Simon’s Close Reading assignment for help. Once you have your complex questions, **answer them from the protagonist’s point of view**.

My Observations and Complex Questions	Answer by the Protagonist of the chosen text

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2.1 Close Reading Worksheet - Reflection

Choose one of the following statements and explain your connection to the theme in “The Knife Sharpener” or “Arctic Plums”. Refer to details in the short story to support your opinion statements.

1. I can relate to the idea of making false assumptions about others because...
2. I can relate to the idea of making informed or uninformed decisions because...
3. I can relate to ideas of safety and trust raised in the short story because...
4. I can relate to the ideas of being insecure about the unknown (things we cannot control or foresee) because...

Explain your connection to your chosen theme.

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