

Aim: How can we use a tic tac toe activity sheet to analyze Kate Chopin’s short story, “Desiree’s Baby?”

Do now: Read Kate Chopin’s short story, “Desiree’s Baby.”

Tic Tac Toe Activity Sheet

Check the boxes you plan to complete. They should form a tic-tac-toe across, down, or diagonally.

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Write a letter to one of the characters in “Desiree’s Baby.” Ask him/her questions as well as tell about yourself. Your letter needs to be a page in length.	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Write a song about one of the main events in the story. Include at least 10 moments, events, themes or symbols from the story along with their significance.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Pretend you are Desiree in the story and write a diary. You must have at least 10 entries, describing events that have occurred in the story and your reaction to them.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Make a flip book describing setting, plot, genre, and theme.*	<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Complete Part I & II of a character analysis worksheet on Desiree.**	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Are there any words in the story that you don’t understand? List at least 12 words. Complete a vocabulary four square for each.**
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Draw a picture or create a collage of Desiree and write 10 facts that the reader learns about her.	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Create a poster to show Desiree in the story. On the poster, place Desiree in her setting, and surround her character with ten elements from the story.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Put together a collage for “Desiree’s Baby” from magazine pictures. On a separate piece of paper, describe how at least five of your magazine cutouts relate to the story.

*More information about the flip book (box 4).

**Ask for a character analysis worksheet (box 5) or vocabulary four square handout(box 6) or both if you need them.

Box 4: Directions for a flip book:

Create a flipbook with four sections. (See me if you need more help with this,) You may use your paper horizontally or vertically. On the outside of the flip book, label the four flaps: setting, plot, genre, and theme. On the inside of the flap for each section, describe the following:

- **setting:** In five to eight sentences, describe the setting for the book. Remember to discuss where and when the book takes place.
- **plot:** List 8-10 plot events. Remember to use complete sentences.
- **genre:** In five to eight sentences, describe the genre of the story (historical fiction, realistic fiction, adventure, romance, folktales, myths, science fiction, thriller, mystery, etc.) Be sure to include the clues from the book that let you know the genre.
- **theme:** In five to eight sentences, describe the theme of the story. Remember to explain what leads you to this conclusion of theme. Remember that examples of theme may be: the horror of war, people’s mistreatment of others, love will find a way, the courage of the human spirit, persistence pays off, good versus evil, the coming of age in society, etc.