

9.2 Choices, actions, and speech reveal complexity

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KEY WORDS response to a resolution 结局反应

Objective

Build the skills to read a **response to a resolution** 结局反应.

You must be able to:

- state what responses to a resolution reveal
- state the CED's note about inconsistency with earlier behaviour
- name what inconsistencies and unexpected developments affect
- explain why the ending is a strong source of evidence

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Responses

A character's responses to the resolution of the narrative — in their words or in their actions — reveal something about that character's own values.

■ Inconsistency

These responses may be inconsistent with the previously established behaviors or perspectives of that character. The CED anticipates the inconsistency rather than treating it as a fault.

■ What they affect

Inconsistencies and unexpected developments in a character affect readers' interpretation of that character; other characters; events in the plot; conflicts; the perspective of the narrator, character, or speaker; and/or setting. Six things — the effect radiates.

■ The ending as evidence

At a resolution a character has nothing left to gain by concealment, so what they say and do there is unusually direct evidence of what they value.

2 Practice

2.1 State what responses to a resolution reveal. [2]

2.2 Name four things inconsistencies affect. [2]

2.3 The ending is a strong source of evidence.

(a) Explain why. [2]

(b) State the CED's note about inconsistency with earlier behaviour. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A character's response to the resolution reveals something about [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** that character's own values
B the publisher
C the reader's values
D the genre

3.2 The CED treats inconsistency at the resolution as [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** anticipated, not a fault
B an error
C impossible
D irrelevant

3.3 A cautious character acts recklessly on the final page.

(a) State what this may reveal. [1]

(b) Explain how a reader should treat it. [2]
