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The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

Author _____

Number of Pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction: How does the book begin, and what conflict is introduced right away?

Point of View: From what point of view is this story told? Explain why you think this point of view is best for this story.

Character: Who is the main character? How would you describe him? Include what you like and what you don't like.

Conflict: Identify the major conflict or problem that confronts the main character. Identify other conflicts faced by the main character.

Rising Action: How does the main character begin to solve the major conflict? What role did the Conductor play in helping him along the way?

Climax: What is the turning point in the story?

Falling Action: How is the main character's problem finally solved?

Resolution: What feeling does the novel leave the reader with?
