

Literary Analysis

REALISM

Realism is fiction that describes daily life in accurate detail. Realism includes these elements:

- **complex characters** portrayed in everyday circumstances. Characters are not idealized or romantic; they are like real people.
- **settings** with real-life details. Nature is carefully described without exaggeration.
- **dialogue** reflects real speech, including the use of dialects and idioms.

Directions: Complete this chart to analyze examples of realism in the story. For each example, identify the most important realistic elements. Two examples are selected for you to analyze. Select and analyze four more examples that strongly reflect realism.

Example	How does it show realism?
Description of Malachi's home and life (lines 16–29)	
Description of Mally (lines 42–76)	