

# Literary Analysis

## NATURALISM

**Naturalism** is fiction that depicts ordinary life. It emerged as a form of realism, although naturalism often has a more pessimistic viewpoint. Naturalist writing often includes these elements:

- **Narration** that does not give moral judgments. The point of view is detached and objective.
- **Characters** who do not control their destinies. They are controlled by forces such as personality and environment.
- **Plots** that do not follow standard conventions.
- **Themes** that reflect skepticism about traditional ideas and values, such as faith, love, and progress.

**Directions:** Complete this chart to analyze elements of naturalism in the story. Describe each element in the story and tell how it reflects the naturalist style.

### Naturalism in “The Darling”

Narration	Characters	Plot	Theme