“The Wizard of OZ” Book Report Example

Protagonist: Main Character
Dorothy is the protagonist in the story, “The Wizard of OZ”. Dorothy is a young lady who lives with her Auntie Em and Uncle Henry on a Kansas farm. Dorothy has a little, black dog named Totto. At the beginning of the story Dorothy’s home is carried away by a tornado. She must use her character traits of being determined and friendly to make friends along the way and find her way home from OZ.

Antagonist: The character or group of characters that cause a problem for the protagonist.
The Wicked Witch of the West is the antagonist in the story. The witch is determined to not allow Dorothy and her new friends to make it to the city of OZ or home safely. The witch feels that Dorothy is responsible for the death of her sister and is determined to have Dorothy’s ruby slippers. The witch sets up many dangerous situations for Dorothy along the way. The witch has flying monkeys that also make things dangerous for Dorothy and her friends.

Conflict: The problem in the story.
The conflict in the story “The Wizard of OZ” begins when Dorothy’s home in Kansas is taken away by a tornado. Dorothy and her home land in the magical world of OZ. Dorothy and her new found friends must pass through many dangerous obstacles to make their way down the yellow brick road to meet the Wizard of OZ. They hope that the Wizard will be able to provide each character with the things he or she needs.

Setting: Where and when does the story take place?
The story “The Wizard of Oz” is written in the past. The story begins in a farming town in Kansas. Dorothy soon finds herself in the magical land of Oz after being transported by a tornado. Oz is both a magical and scary place. There are many colorful characters in Oz, but there are also many dangerous and dark places.

Plot: Give a brief summary of the events of the story.
Dorothy lives on a farm in Kansas until a tornado arrives, and picks her, her house, and her dog up and takes them to the land of Oz. Things in Oz are strange and beautiful, but Dorothy just wants to get back home. She's helped by the Good Witch of the North, but she's also in trouble with the Wicked Witch of the West. The Wicked Witch of the West blames Dorothy for her sister’s death.

Wishing to return home, she begins to travel to the Emerald City where a great wizard lives. On her way she meets a Scarecrow who needs a brain, a Tin Man who wants a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who desperately needs courage. They all hope the Wizard of Oz will help them, before the Wicked Witch of the West catches up with them.

At the end of story Dorothy is home and safe in her bed. Dorothy is waking up from a dream and repeating, “There is not place like home”.

Theme: What message is written in the story?
Dorothy says at the end of the story, “There is not place like home”. One message shared by the author could be to appreciate the home and family that you have. Another theme could be that friendship can accomplish all things because Dorothy and her friends work to solve their problems together. One last idea for the theme of this story is to not give up. Dorothy faces many challenges in this story but is determined to find her way home.