

Create a 6-Part Netflix Series

Combine literary analysis with real-world media design with this Netflix adaptation project



- **Practice literary analysis** as students analyze character development, plot structure, and theme
- **Interact with media conventions and develop audience awareness** by making intentional choices around tone, content, and genre
- **Explore narrative structure** by transforming a linear story into a six-episode serialized format

Students will step into the roll of producer to bring any story to life!

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Included with this resource:



Netflix Adaptation Assignment

- Netflix Thumbnail Template
- Pilot Episode Summary Worksheet
- Season Episode Planner
- Cast & Character Bios Template
- Theme & Genre Justification Worksheet
- Rating Justification Response Sheet



Assignment Instructions Handout



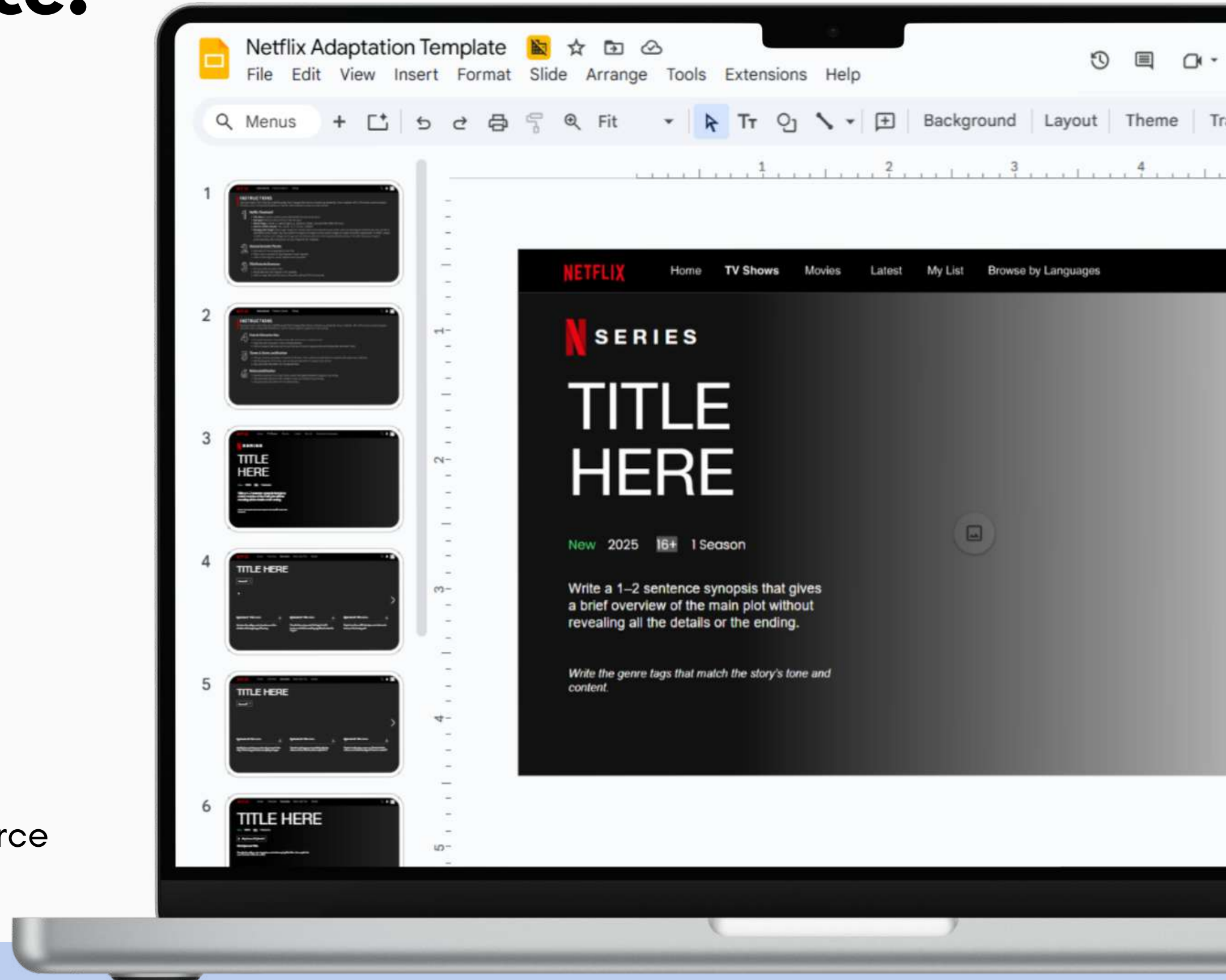
Student Example for “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson



Editable and **Ready-to-Print** 4-Level **Rubric**



Teacher Instructions for how to use this resource



Includes Digital Version for Google Drive®

Netflix Adaptation Project for Any Novel or Short Story

This assignment includes guided templates and worksheets to design a 6-part Netflix series.

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Deep Dive into Narrative Structure

Create a Netflix-style thumbnail, write a pilot episode summary, and complete a season episode planner!

Name: _____Date: _____

NETFLIX THUMBNAIL

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Instructions:

Title: Create a catchy series title that fits the tone of the story.

Synopsis: Write a brief 1-2 sentence summary of the main plot. Avoid revealing the ending.

Genre Tags: Choose 2-4 genre tags that reflect the tone and content of the story (e.g., dystopian, thriller, romance).

Thumbnail: Draw a large image that represents the tone and theme of your series.

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SERIES

Title

Name: _____Date: _____

SEASON EPISODE PLANNER

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Instructions: Give each of the six episodes its own title, write a short summary of what happens in each one, and draw a small image to visually represent the episode.

TITLE

EPISODE 1

Title: _____
Introduce the setting, main characters, and the situation at the beginning of the story.

EPISODE 2

Title: _____
Describe the early events that begin to build tension or hint that something significant is about to happen.

EPISODE 3

Title: _____
Explain how the conflict develops and what events lead up to the turning point.

Name: _____Date: _____

SEASON EPISODE PLANNER

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EPISODE 4

Title: _____
Identify the most intense or dramatic moment in the story - the turning point when everything changes.

EPISODE 5

Title: _____
Describe what happens immediately after the climax and how the characters respond to it.

EPISODE 6

Title: _____
Explain how the story wraps up. What is the final outcome, and what message or theme is revealed?

Name: _____Date: _____

PILOT EPISODE SUMMARY

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Instructions: Write a brief summary of what happens in the episode, and draw an image that sets the tone or shows the setting of the episode.

Details

Title

Play Season 1: Episode 1

Organize the story across a **six-episode narrative arc!**

Examine Character Traits and Development

Students will create cast and character bios by selecting actors and analyzing character traits.

Three overlapping worksheets titled "CAST & CHARACTER BIOS" for "Netflix Adaptation" are shown. Each worksheet includes a "Name:" field, a "Date:" field, and instructions: "For each character, write their name, cast an actor to play the role, and describe the character's traits and development. Then, draw an image of the actor you've cast and make sure it matches the character's vibe."

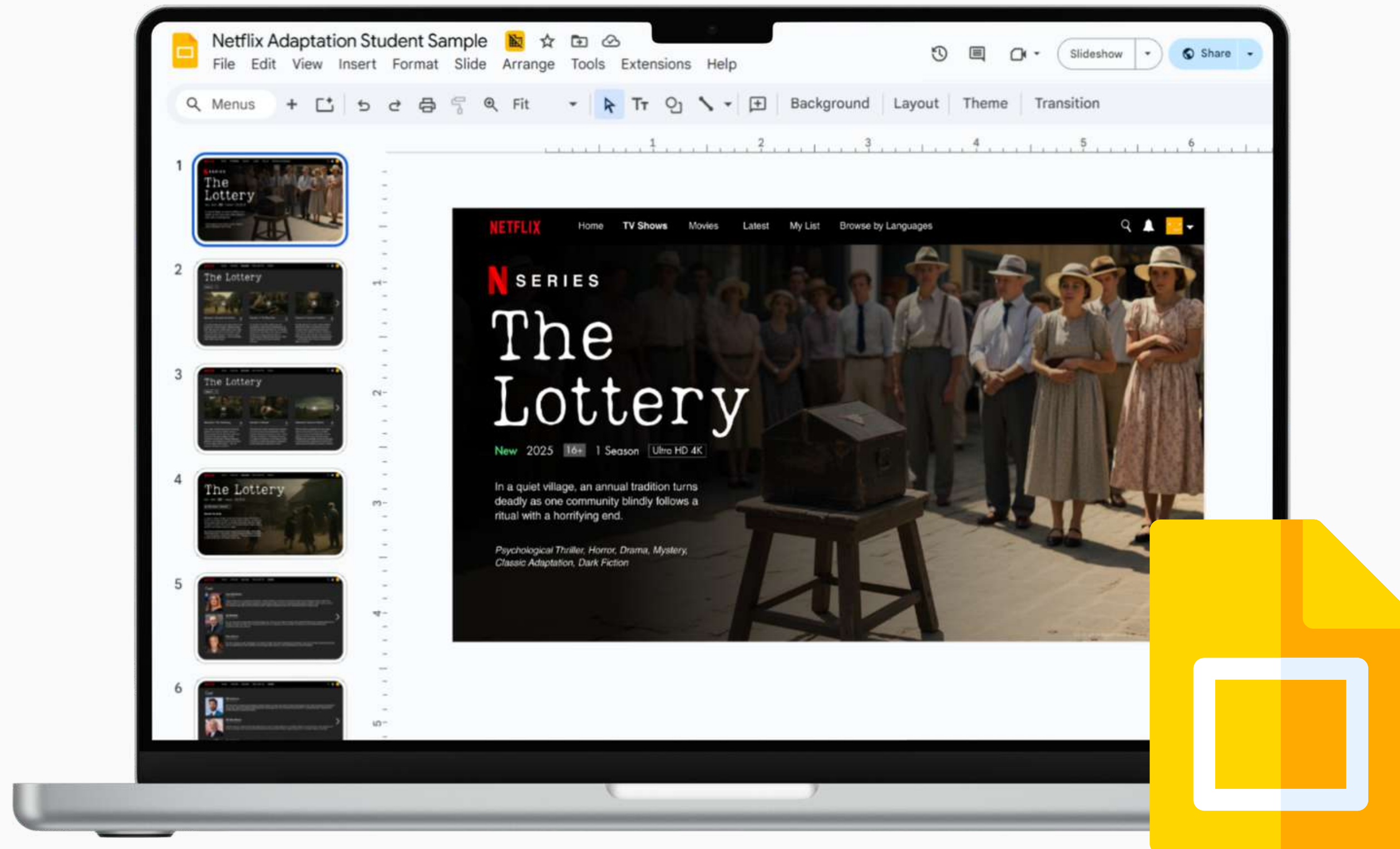
The worksheets are structured into two main columns: "ACTOR" and "CHARACTER'S TRAITS AND DEVELOPMENT".

ACTOR	CHARACTER'S TRAITS AND DEVELOPMENT
 Name: _____	Character: _____ _____ _____ _____
 Name: _____	Character: _____ _____ _____ _____

Small text at the bottom of the worksheets reads: "All Rights Reserved © MandysMadeEasy.com".

Includes completed student example!

This student example demonstrates a Netflix adaptation of “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson.



Editable & Ready-to-Print 4-Level Rubric

Modify this rubric to meet the unique needs of your classroom!

Netflix Adaptation: 4-Level Rubric

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Name: _____

Grade (%) _____

Netflix Adaptation: 4-Level Rubric

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Communication	Writing is approaching success in choice of language and appropriate tone Visual elements need more clarity or relevance See comments below	Some errors in language and conventions, but meaning is generally clear Visual elements are somewhat clear but need more relevance See comments below	Language is appropriate and mostly error-free; voice and tone are suitable Visual elements are clear and relevant	Language is polished and engaging; strong command of grammar, punctuation, and voice enhances communication Visual elements are clear, relevant, and enhance the message
Application	Limited effort in design; visuals are incomplete or ineffective Sequence may be incomplete or unclear See comments below	Some visual elements used; design may lack cohesion or clarity Episodes demonstrate a mostly logical sequence See comments below	Effective use of design elements; visually appealing and supports the project Episodes demonstrate coherent progression	Exceptional visual presentation; creative and professional use of design enhances storytelling Episodes are well-developed and reflect strong narrative control

Comments:

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