Text analysis: Selections from The Wonderful Wizard of Oz I

Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

1. Provide a very brief summary for each chapter.

2. In which part or parts of the novel’s structure do you include these chapters (home – adventures - return?)

3. Discuss the following characters, giving quotations from the text. Don’t forget to explain the qualities the scarecrow, the tin woodman, and the cowardly lion wish to possess (wisdom, etc):


4. What events and characters are typical of a fairy (wonder) tale?

5. Give some examples of Baum’s prose style. Do you think he writes badly, as some critics have said?

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