



SHORT STORY ELEMENTS DEFINED

SETTING

Time and place in which a story happens.

CONFLICT

The problems or struggle in the story.

CHARACTERS

Main and minor characters' whose thoughts and actions greatly impact the plot.

POINT OF VIEW

The perspective from which the story is told.

<u>First Person</u> - The narrator is a character in the story and refers to himself or herself as "I."

<u>Third Person Limited</u> - Inside thoughts of only one character are revealed. The reader does not know any thoughts of other characters.

<u>Third Person Omniscient</u> - The narrator is all-knowing and reveals the inside thoughts and feelings of any character in the story.

THEME

The main message or main idea of the story.

PLOT

The order in which the author has chosen to convey the events in a story.

Exposition

The introduction of the setting, characters, and conflict.

Rising Action

Events that build to the point of greatest.

Climax

The most suspense and action in the story. The peak of the story.

Falling Action

The conflict begins to unravel and usually the last moment of suspense.

Denouement

The resolution or ending of the story. Event or events that occur after the climax, but before the story's actual ending.

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