



Plot/Story Elements

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what happens in a fiction story

plot

sequence of events in fiction story

plot

time, place and background in which the events of a story take place

setting

when and where a story takes place

setting



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people or animals in the story	characters
the main character who changes throughout the story due to conflict.	protagonist
the character also known as the "good guy"	protagonist
character who works against main character and contributes the conflict.	antagonist



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the character also known as the "bad guy"	antagonist
The inciting incident. A struggle between the antagonist and the protagonist	conflict
Part of plot that's also known as the problem or the challenge of the story	conflict
an internal conflict between the character and himself. Example: Waterboy	Man vs. Self



<p>an external conflict where the good guy vs. the bad guy. Example: Dodgeball / Wyle Coyote and Road Runner</p>	<p>Man vs. Man</p>
<p>an external conflict where character struggles with a force of nature (natural disaster, animal, illness) Example. Twister / Survivor</p>	<p>Man vs. Nature</p>
<p>an external conflict where character or group of characters fight against society. Example. Shrek / Borat</p>	<p>Man vs. Society</p>
<p>an external conflict where character is against technology. Example: Terminator / IROBOT</p>	<p>Man vs. Machine</p>



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part of the plot where conflict takes place leading to the climax.	rising action
Part of plot where story starts building suspense.	rising action
Part of the plot where the setting, characters, and problem are introduced.	exposition
Part of the plot also known as the introduction	exposition



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Part of the plot that is the story's most emotional or suspenseful moment.	climax
Part of the plot that is the turning point and most revealing moment.	climax
Part of the plot where the conflicts are worked out and resolved.	Falling action
Part of the plot where all the drama subsides and calms.	falling action



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Part of the plot also called the denouement.

Resolution

The part of the plot that is the last part of the story where all loose ends are tied up and the story is closed. Also called the conclusion.

resolution

underlying feeling or atmosphere produced by story.

mood

what is the feeling created by the story

mood



The meaning or concept we are left with after reading.

theme

Answers "What did you learn from this story?"

theme