

Elements of Fiction

Character

- a person or animal in a work of fiction (script, story, novel, poem,...)

(They are the WHO!)

Setting

- the time AND place where a work of fiction happens

(It's the WHEN and the WHERE!)

Plot

- is the action of the story and is made up of a series of events

The plot has five parts:

CLIMAX

- where the most exciting, suspenseful or surprising part of the story occurs

RISING ACTION

- the problem develops through a series of conflicts

FALLING ACTION

- the action bringing the story to an end

RESOLUTION or DENOUEMENT

- the end of the story when all the problems are solved

EXPOSITION

- the set-up or the introduction

Conflict

- the problem or struggle in a work of fiction that the character(s) must overcome
- used to advance the plot
 - ▶ person vs. person
 - ▶ person vs. society
 - ▶ person vs. nature
 - ▶ person vs. self
 - ▶ person vs. fate