

Elements of Fiction

Part 1

Plot

- This is what happens in a story
- Subplot—less important series of events within a main plot
- Parts of Plot:
 - Exposition—background info: establishes setting and introduces characters
 - Rising Action—main character faces problem, conflict grows more intense
 - Climax—moment when story reaches peak
 - Falling Action--explores the consequences of the climatic decision
 - Resolution-central problem is finally solved

Conflict

- The struggle between two opposing forces
- Types of Conflict:
 - Person vs. Person
 - Person vs. Society
 - Person vs. Nature
 - Person vs. Self
 - Person vs. Fate

Setting

- Setting is the time and place in which a literary work takes place
- Setting tells you what the world is like by describing its appearance and atmosphere

Protagonist

- The main character of a story
- NOT always a good guy
- Stereotypically the “Hero”

Antagonist

- Opposes the protagonist.
- NOT always the bad guy
- Stereotypically the “Villain”