Story Elements

Genre	The type of story or literary work
Author	Person who writes the story/book
Setting	Where and when a story takes place
Main Characters	The important **people** in the story
Themes	The underlying or stated **main idea of a story** *Often, the author implies the theme through the narrator's/each character's thoughts and feelings. The theme can also be the message an author is trying to send
Conflict	The major **problem** in the story **Two categories of conflict:** 1. <u>External</u>—happens outside of the character, involves more than 1 person, can be observed 2. <u>Internal</u>—happens inside of the character, involves only 1 person, can only be observed in the thoughts & feelings **Three types of conflict:** 1. Man vs. Nature (External) 2. Man vs. Self (Internal) 3. Man vs. Man (External or Internal)
Climax	One **large event** that changes the outcome of the entire story
Plot	The **sequence of all events** in a story *The plot is usually what we summarize
Critique	A **reader's personal thoughts** & opinions on the story or book *mentions both "likes" and "dislikes"