

## Story Elements

<b>Genre</b>	The type of story or literary work
<b>Author</b>	Person who writes the story/book
<b>Setting</b>	Where and when a story takes place
<b>Main Characters</b>	The important people in the story
<b>Themes</b>	The underlying or stated main idea of a story *Often, the author implies the theme through the narrator's/main character's thoughts and feelings. The theme can also be the message an author is trying to send
<b>Conflict</b>	The major problem in the story <b>Two categories of conflict:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>External</b>—happens outside of the character, involves more than 1 person, can be observed</li> <li>2. <b>Internal</b>—happens inside of the character, involves only 1 person, can only be observed in the thoughts &amp; feelings</li> </ol> <b>Three types of conflict:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Man vs. Nature (External)</li> <li>2. Man vs. Self (Internal)</li> <li>3. Man vs. Man (External or Internal)</li> </ol>
<b>Climax</b>	One large event that changes the outcome of the entire story
<b>Plot</b>	The sequence of all events in a story *The plot is usually what we summarize
<b>Critique</b>	A reader's personal thoughts & opinions on the story or book *mentions both "likes" and "dislikes"