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4. Choose Elements in a Short Story: Fill in the blanks with a word provided in the box.

Character, style, plot, characterization, setting.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is what happens in the story. It may also be called the storyline, and can often be summarized in one or two sentences. For example, the one for "The Day in August" is about the friendship between a Jewish girl and a German teenager during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.
2. There is usually one or two main \_\_\_\_\_, and possibly other less important ones. They can be people, animals or even objects. In "The Day in August", they are Simon and Daniel.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is where the story takes place. The writer describes the setting by describing colors, shapes, sounds... etc. For example, a tree may be a tall willow tree in a romantic story, or a gnarled and spiky old tree with croaking branches in a ghost story.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the main idea behind the story. It is continuously developed throughout the story, though it is not usually mentioned directly. For example, in "Simon and Daniel", the writer wants the readers to know how "not steady" they are.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is how the writer writes the story. Is the story presented in old-fashioned, simple, descriptive or colloquial language.

5. Plot: It is a series of events that happens in a story. Many plots follow this structure:

