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/main character's thoughts and feelings. The theme can also be the message an author is trying to convey
Conflict	The major problem in the story Two categories of conflict: 1. **External**—happens outside of the character, involves more than 1 person, can be observed 2. **Internal**—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** & options on the story or book *mentions both "likes" and "dislikes"