

Story Elements Worksheet

Directions: Keep this sheet in your English notebook. We will use it for basic literary analysis throughout the year. When answering questions, make sure that you label each section and question, and answer each question in complete sentences.

Plot (what happens)

Conflict (internal and external)

Exposition

Rising Action

Climax

Falling action

Resolution (denouement)

1. What is the conflict? Is it internal, external, or both?
2. What are the chief episodes or incidents which make up the plot? Is it developed chronologically or is it chronologically rearranged in some way? (flashback, foreshadowing)
3. Compare the plot's beginning and end. What essential changes have taken place?
4. Label the plot in terms of exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution

Setting (where and when the story takes place)

Geographical location

Immediate surroundings

Time in history

Time of year

Time of day

1. What is the work's setting in time and space?
2. How does the author establish setting? Can the reader see the setting? Feel it?
3. What is the function of the setting? Is it important to the mood, plot, etc?
4. Is the setting appropriate?

Character (who or what receives action)

Protagonist-story good guy

Antagonist-story bad guy

Flat-no real personality; more a stereotype

Round-like a real person; has many traits

Static-remains the same throughout the story

Dynamic-changes and grows throughout the story

Foils-characters are purposely paired or set against each other for contrast

1. Who is the protagonist?
2. Who is the antagonist?
3. Are the characters round or flat? Static or dynamic? Support your answer.
4. Are the characters credible and interesting? Support your answer