**Elements of Fiction**

Plot: The sequence of events or in a story or a “map” of the major events in a story.

Setting: The time and place in which a story occurs.

Exposition: Background information at the beginning of a story.

Rising Action: The events that lead to the climax.

Falling Action: The events in that come after the climax.

Climax: The turning point or high point in the story.

Conflict: A clash of actions, ideas, desires, or wills.

Types of conflict:

**Man vs. himself:** internal struggle

**Man vs. man:** people against each other

**Man vs. nature:** animals, weather, etc.

**Man vs. society:** community, cultural norms

**Man vs. machine:** technology, robots, electricity

**Man vs. unknown:** ghosts, aliens, or any unseen force

Resolution: The point at which the central conflict ends.

Theme: The central idea of a story; sometimes a message from the author, or a lesson.