

Elements of Fiction

Plot: The sequence of 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 that come after the climax.

Climax: The high point in the story.

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

Types of conflict:

Man vs. himself: conflict involving internal struggle (with yourself)

Man vs. man: conflict involving people against each other

Man vs. nature: conflict involving animals, weather, the environment, disease, etc.

Man vs. society: conflict involving the community or what is accepted in society

Man vs. machine: conflict involving technology, robots, electricity

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

Resolution: The point at which the conflict(s) end(s).

Mood: the emotions you feel as a reader because of the atmosphere created by the author.

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