

# 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 send.
Conflict	The major problem in the story Two categories of conflict: 1. <u>External</u> —happens outside of the character, involves more than 1 person, can be observed 2. <u>Internal</u> —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 & opinions on the story or book *mentions both "likes" and "dislikes"