

Elements of a Short Story (Prezi) – Literary Devices Slotted Notes

SETTING - The _____ in which a story takes place is called the setting. There are several aspects of a story's setting to consider when examining how setting contributes to a story.

Name FIVE ways to describe the setting:

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
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PLOT - The plot is how the author arranges events to develop his basic idea; It is _____ . There are five essential parts of plot:

1. _____ - The beginning of the story where the characters and the setting is revealed.
2. _____ - This is where the events in the story become complicated and the conflict in the story is revealed (events between the introduction and climax).
3. _____ - This is the highest point of interest and the turning point of the story.
4. _____ - The events and complications begin to resolve themselves. (events between climax and denouement).
5. _____ - This is the final outcome or untangling of events in the story.

CONFLICT - It is the _____ which ties one incident to another and makes the plot move.

1. Man vs. Man (_____) The leading character struggles with his physical strength against _____.
2. Man vs. Society (_____) The leading character struggles against _____ of other people.
3. Man vs. Self (_____) The leading character struggles with himself/herself; with his/her own soul, _____, choices, etc.

There are two types of conflict:

1. _____ - A struggle with a force _____.
2. _____ - A struggle _____; a person must make some _____, overcome _____, quiet their _____, resist an _____, etc.

CHARACTERS

There are two meanings for the word character:

1. The person in a _____.
2. The _____ of a person.
 - _____ The character who is clearly _____ with all major events having some importance to this character (_____)
 - _____ The character who _____ (Main Character's _____)

The author can reveal a character in two different ways:

1. _____ CHARACTERIZATION - the writer makes _____ about a character's personality and tells what the character is like.

2. _____ CHARACTERIZATION - the writer reveals information about a character and his personality through that character's _____, along with how other characters respond to that character, including what they think and say about him.

Characters Are ...

1. _____ - round, many sided and complex personalities.
 2. Developing - _____, many sided personalities that _____, for better or worse, by the end of the story.
 3. _____ - Stereotype, have one or two characteristics that _____ and are emphasized e.g. brilliant detective, drunk, scrooge, cruel stepmother, etc.
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POINT OF VIEW

The _____ from which the story is told.

1. _____ Person - The story is _____ or one of the characters who interacts closely with the protagonist or other characters (using pronouns _____, etc).
2. _____ Person - The _____ to another character using "_____"; the story is being told through the addressee's point of view.
3. _____ Person - A _____ relates all action in third person, using third person pronouns such as "_____ " or "_____."

Third person point of view may be:

- a. _____ The author can narrate the story using the omniscient point of view. Moving from character to character and event to event.

- b. _____ The author tells the story in third person (using pronouns they, she, he, it, etc). We know _____, and what the author _____ to reveal to us.

THEME

The theme in a piece of fiction is its _____. It is the author's underlying meaning or _____ that they are trying to convey. The theme may be the author's thoughts about a topic or view of human nature.

Examples:

1. Don't judge a book by its cover
2. _____
3. Believe in yourself
4. _____