

Literary Element Notes

Name: _____

Plot: _____

1st _____: sets up the story by telling _____, _____,

2nd _____: main part of the story where _____ arise

3rd _____: point of greatest _____ or action; _____

point

4th _____: contains _____ & _____ leading to a

satisfying ending

Draw & label a Plot Line Diagram

Setting:

Describes _____ & _____

Characterization: Authors present believable characters by:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Motivation: The _____ a character acts or behaves in a certain way.

Conflict: The struggle that takes place _____

External Conflict (outside force)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Internal Conflict (Inside force)

- 1.

Point of View: _____ is telling the story?

_____ : a character/narrator speaks directly to

the reader; uses the pronoun _____

_____ : a narrator who is not a character;

Suspense: _____ will happen next?

The author makes the reader _____ or _____

Mood: What _____ is this writing trying make me feel?

The _____ or _____ that runs through a work of literature.

Foreshadowing:

The use of _____ or _____ by the author to prepare the
reader for _____.

It helps us make _____ about the outcome of the story.

Flashback:

An _____ in the action of a story to tell about

Central Idea: the universal _____ found in a work of literature
(friendship, fear, love, determination, etc.)

Theme: The _____ in a work of literature stated in
_____.

*What is the author trying to tell us?

*What is his message?

*Why can I learn about how to live my life?

Irony: A contrast between _____
and what is really meant, or between _____

Protagonist: _____

Antagonist: _____

Symbol: Any _____, _____, or _____ which
has meaning in itself, but which is made to _____, or
stand for _____, as well.

Allusion: a _____ in a literary work to a _____,
_____, or thing in _____ or another work of literature.