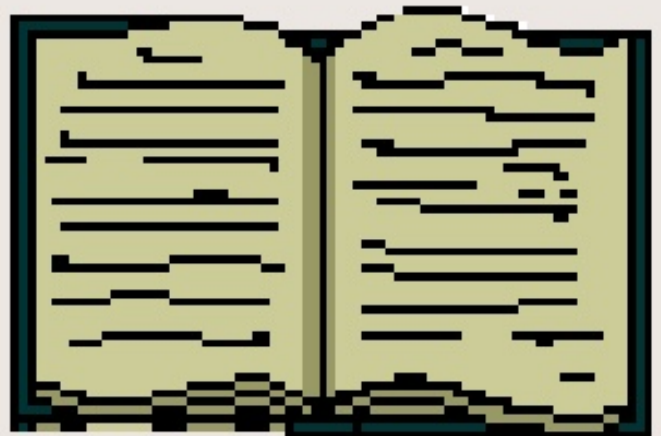


Elements of a Short Story

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Definition of a Short Story

- ▶ Tells about a single event or experience
- ▶ Fictional (not true)
- ▶ 500 to 15,000 words in length
- ▶ It has a beginning, middle, and end
- ▶ Creates an impression on the reader



Elements of a Short Story

- Setting
- Characterization
- Plot
- Conflict
- Climax
- Resolution
- Theme
- Point of view



Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Setting:** Tells the reader where and when the story takes place.



Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Characterization:**

Creation of imaginary people who appear to be real to the reader. The writer gives information about the characters in the story.



Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Plot:** A series of events through which the writer reveals what is happening, to whom, and why.



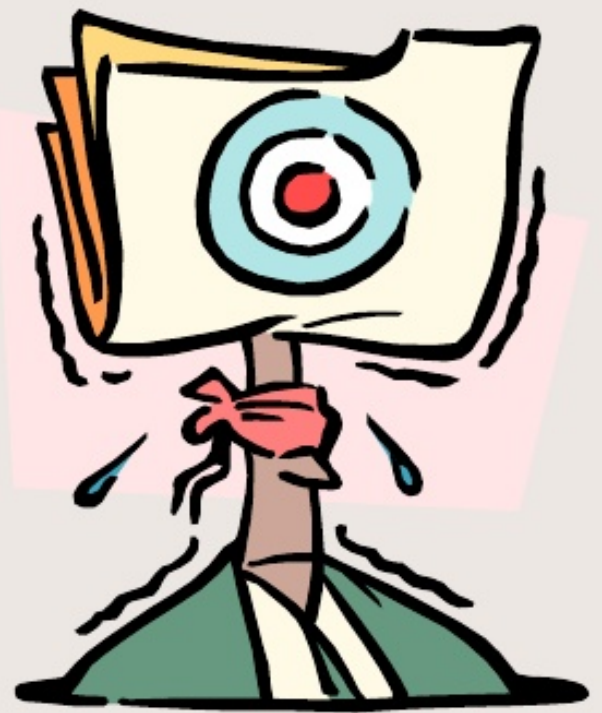
Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Conflict:** Is a problem in the story that needs to be resolved.



Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Climax:** When the action comes to its highest point of conflict.



Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Resolution:** The story's action after the climax until the end of the story. The "conclusion" of the story.



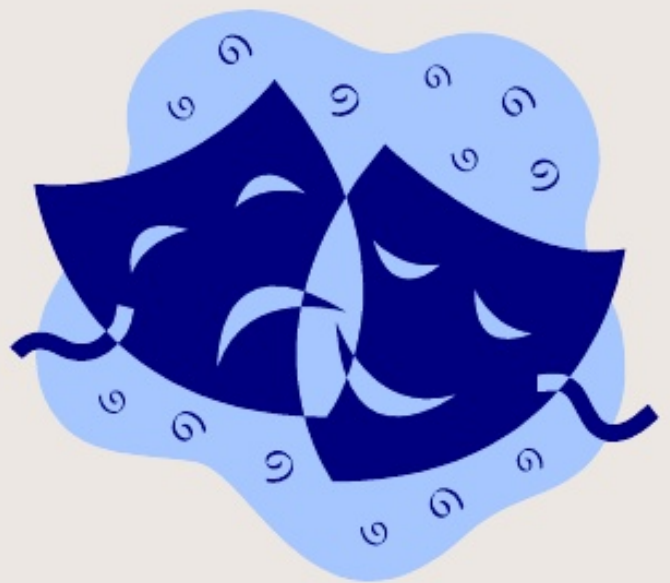
Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Theme:** The story's main ideas. The "message" the writer intends to communicate by telling the story.



Short Story Vocabulary

■ **Point of view:** The position of the narrator of the story and what the writer sees from that vantage point.



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Great writers are able to use the elements of the short story with such precision that the reader is caught up in the action of the story. This is a mark of a good story and our goal as a writer.