

LITERATURE ELEMENTS

1. PLOT

The sequence of events in a narrative.

2. SETTING

The time and place in which a story occurs.

3. PROTAGONIST

The main character of story, novel or a play.

EXAMPLE: Katniss Everdeen in *Hunger Games*

4. ANTAGONIST

The character in conflict with the protagonist.

EXAMPLE: President Snow in *Hunger Games*

5. NARRATOR

A person who tells the story.

6. NARRATIVE METHOD

The way a narrative is presented including plot and setting.

7. DIALOGUE

The spoken parts between characters.

8. CONFLICT

An issue that is introduced in the rising action, is faced during the climax, and is usually resolved during the falling action.

EXAMPLE:

Man vs. Man, Man vs. Nature, Man vs. Society

9. MOOD

The general feeling or feeling of a narrative.

10. THEME

The unifying idea or concept of a story.

11. SYNONYM

A word or phrase that means the same or nearly the same as another word or phrase.

12. ANTONYM

A word or phrase that means the opposite or nearly the opposite as another word or phrase.

13. IMAGERY

The use of multi-sensory language to create visual “images” of actions, objects and ideas.

EXAMPLE:

Where the ocean kissed the Southern shore

14. SIMILE and METAPHOR

Comparisons between two objects normally unrelated that display similarities between them. Similes use “like” or “as” while metaphor does not.

EXAMPLE OF A SIMILE:

My love for you is like a truck.

EXAMPLE OF A METAPHOR:

His love was a robot, so unfeeling.

15. HYPERBOLE

A boldly exaggerated statement.

EXAMPLE: I have a ton of work to do before dinner tonight.

16. PERSONIFICATION

The act of giving human-like attributes to an object.

EXAMPLE: The water laughed in the stream.

17. ALLITERATION

Words placed together that start with the same letter sound.

EXAMPLE: Sally sells sea souvenirs.

18. IRONY

When the intended meaning is opposite of the literal meaning.

EXAMPLE: His heart was as alive as death itself.

19. ONOMATOPOEIA

A word created from the sound associated with what it is named.

EXAMPLES: cuckoo, zipper, bang, crackle