

SMART™ Lesson

Story Elements

Fiction is a form of writing that includes imaginative and made-up stories that can engage readers and transport them to imaginary or realistic situations. The different elements that help to create a great fictional story include the following:

- **Characters:** These are the individuals or animals in the story who move the plot. A good story will have characters that are well-developed and that the reader can identify with.
- **Setting:** This refers to the time and place in which the story takes place. A story can have a real or imaginary setting or a combination of both.
- **Plot:** The plot is the sequence of events that take place in the story. It includes the introduction, the rising action, the climax, the falling action, and the resolution.
- **Conflict:** Conflict is the problem or struggle in the story that the characters must overcome. It can be internal or external, man vs. man or man vs. nature.
- **Theme:** The theme is the underlying message or moral of the story. It is usually a universal idea that the author wants the reader to understand and think about.

Answer the following questions:

1. What are the different story elements that help to create a great fictional story?
2. What does setting refer to?
3. What is conflict in a story?
4. What is the theme of a story?