

### **What is a character?**

In a *narrative*, they are WHO performs the action or has the action happen to them.

### **What is a setting?**

In a *narrative*, setting applies to the WHERE and WHEN.

Ambience, atmosphere and mood are all functions of setting.

### **What is a plot?**

The WHAT HAPPENS in a narrative.

The basic story-line of a *narrative*.

The **literal** meaning as written in the story, without adding any additional level of understanding.

### **What is a Protagonist?**

Central male or female character, usually a good person.

These are people who exhibit all those wonderful qualities to which we all aspire: honesty, integrity, kindness, courage, chivalry, gallantry, love, generosity (especially in spirit), etc.

### **What is an Antagonist?**

Traditionally defined as an opponent.

In a narrative, the antagonist is the “bad guy”. He is pitted against the protagonist. They usually have very few redeeming features.

### **What are Themes?**

Themes are the fundamental and often universal ideas explored in a *narrative*.

A theme is the central idea or argument.

Texts are supposed to have a broad idea or issue that the composer was attempting to either to teach the reader or increase the reader’s awareness.

### **What are Motifs?**

Motifs are recurring structures, contrasts or literary devices that can help to develop and inform the major text themes.

A motif can be an object or image, which is consistently mentioned throughout a text.