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Short Story Unit

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You will need to keep this hand out safe in your ***English folder***. You will be taking notes on this hand out and using it as a basis for almost every assignment we cover with short stories. This will be a ready-made, built-in study guide. This will be as useful as **YOU** make it. Good luck.

PRIMARY Short Story ELEMENTS:

Define the following elements and give yourself an example of what each one is so that you know how they work.

Element	Definition
PLOT:	What happens in a story. An outline of the major events in the story.
CHARACTER:	Who is in the story (people, animals, things...)
SETTING:	The "when" and the "where" of the story. Must be both TIME and PLACE
POINT OF VIEW:	How the plot is told to us IN the story. How we SEE the story
First Person	Main character is the speaker talking to us
Third person limited	Narrator follows ONE character
Third person Omniscient	Narrator follows MANY characters
THEME:	The main idea in the story about life and people. What the story teaches us. What we learn.
(IN ternal) CONFLICT	Major decision in the story by the main character.
(EX ternal) CONFLICT	_____ vs. _____ a battle between two physical things in the story.

SECONDARY Short Story ELEMENTS:

FORESHADOWING:

IRONY:

Rising Action:

Climax:

Falling Action