



Fiction: The Stories That Guide Us



What is Fiction

Fiction is literature in the form of prose, especially short stories and novels, that describes imaginary events and people.

Warm-up: 9/5/18

Write a letter to a friend, acquaintance, or even a stranger recommending them to read a story (book, short story, or a message) has been influential in your life. Please include:

Name and author of the story

A brief summary of the story (use descriptive language!)

A memory you have reading this story or book.

So what are the 5 elements of Fiction?

Plot

A plot is a series of events and character actions that relate to the central conflict.



Character

A character is a person, or sometimes even an animal, who takes part in the action of a short story or other literary work.



Setting

Setting is the time and place in which the story happens.

Authors often use descriptions of landscape, scenery, buildings, seasons or weather to provide a strong sense of setting.

Conflict

Any struggle between opposing forces. Usually, the main character struggles against some other force.

This type of **conflict** is what drives each and every story.

Different types of conflict: person vs person, person vs society, person vs self, person vs nature.



Theme

The theme is the central idea, message, or belief in a short story.

Common themes are:

- Jealousy
- Bravery
- Overcoming Obstacles
- Friendship