

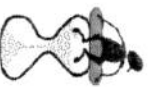
How to Read a Story



What does the reader look for in a story?



Plot - the basic sequence of events in a story; "the story line"



Setting - the time and place in which a narrative occurs



Point of View - the perspective from which the events in the story are told



Theme - the central or big idea of a piece of fiction; a theme may be a lesson learned, or a message delivered through the telling of the story

Characters- the people or animals in a story.

Authors develop traits and details about

characters that include

- how a character looks
- what the character says or thinks
- what a character does
- how a character feels
- why a character does what he or she does
- what others say or think about a character
- how characters interact with other characters
- how a character changes over time
- how dialect and conversational voice is used to convey character

