Elements of Drama

Language Arts
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Drama

A written story told through the characters dialogue to be read by actors.
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There are a total of (12) elements of Drama

- Plot
- Setting
- Characters
- Dialogue
- Sets
- Props
- Scene
- Act
- Script
- Narrator
- Stage Director
- Theme
Characters/Cast

- Each character should have his/her own personality, age, appearance, beliefs, background, and language.
- These people presented in the play are always involved in the plot.
The setting of the play helps the audience understand where the play is taking place, the time of day, and sometimes the era (this refers to the century the play is taking place.)
Dialogue

The words, phrases, or speeches spoken by each character in a play.
Plot

- The sequence of events in a play. The plot always has a problem and solution that the characters must solve.
Stage Directions

- Tell actors/actress what to do, how to say something, and gives them directions where to go.

**EXAMPLE**

Cinderella [Tears fall down her face]

“I wish I could go to the ball”
Theme

- The message of the play.
- Sometimes the theme is clearly stated in the title. It may be stated through **dialogue** (words or lines spoken by a character or narrator) by a character acting as the playwright’s voice.

ALWAYS HELP A FRIEND IN NEED
Narrator

- The person telling the story. The narrator gives the audience information about what is happening in the play.
Script

- The text of the play, including the dialogue the actors speak and stage directions.
Act

- A section of the play, includes different scenes.
Scene

- The actions that take place in a setting.
Props

- Items carried on stage by an actor; small items on the set used by the actors.
Sets

- A scenery, props, or furniture in a play.