



Important Elements of Literary Texts

Characters	Motivations, thoughts, feelings, reactions
Plot	Exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution, conflict, tension, suspense
Setting	“When, where, weather;” effect on mood or plot
Theme	The author’s message to the reader; how the author develops the message
Central Idea	A main idea in the text; how the author develops the main idea
Point of View	The type of narration used and how it affects the reader’s understanding; how the author develops the point of view
Structure	Contribution of a sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza to a theme or central idea
Word Choice	Figurative language; sensory details, connotative meanings; impact on meaning and tone of text

