

## Main Ideas/Content Questions

## Specifics

Short Story Elements	
Setting	Setting is the time and place in which a story happens. Physical surroundings, ideas, customs values, beliefs
Characters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Protagonist</li> <li>➤ Antagonist</li> </ul>	The actors in the story's plot. People, animals, whatever the author chooses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The main character</li> <li>➤ The person in conflict with the main character. Not all stories have antagonists.</li> </ul>
Point of View <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First-person point of view</li> <li>➤ Third-person point of view <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Third-person omniscient</li> <li>➤ Third-person limited</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	The vantage point from which a story is told. The person telling the story is the narrator. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The narrator is a character in the story and uses "I" and "me" to tell the story.</li> <li>➤ The narrator describes the characters and action from outside the story.</li> <li>➤ The narrator knows everything that is going on</li> <li>➤ The narrator describes events as one character sees them.</li> </ul>
Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Stated Themes</li> <li>➤ Implied Themes</li> </ul>	The central message of a story that readers can apply to life. Common themes include insights into human nature and perceptions about life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Directly presented in the story</li> <li>➤ Must be inferred—the reader needs to consider all of the elements of a story and ask what message about life they convey.</li> </ul>
Plot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ External Conflict</li> <li>➤ Internal Conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Exposition</li> <li>➤ Rising Action</li> <li>➤ Climax</li> <li>➤ Falling Action</li> <li>➤ Resolution</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Plot is the sequence of events in a story—a series of related incidents. Most plots deal with a <b>problem</b> and develop around a <b>conflict</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Struggle between a character and an outside force: Man vs. another character, nature, society, fate, or technology.</li> <li>➤ Man vs. self The conflict takes place within the mind of a character who struggles with opposing feelings or with indecision about how to act</li> <li>➤ Introduces characters, setting and conflict</li> <li>➤ Develops conflict with complications</li> <li>➤ The emotional high point of the story</li> <li>➤ Shows what happens after the climax</li> <li>➤ Shows how the conflict is resolved or how the problem is solved</li> </ul>

