**Understanding Narrative:**

Stories are generally made up of 5 parts: Plot, Conflict, Character, Setting and Theme. Each story uses these elements in its own way to create intrigue, mood, and thoughts within its audience.

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| **Element** | **Applications** | **Strategies** | **Characteristics (see your handout!)** |
| **Plot** | What happens in the story?What events unfold?  | PredictingSummarizing | * Main plot
* Sub plot
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| **Conflict** | What is the protagonist struggling against?Why are the struggling against this force, person, idea, etc | QuestioningInferring | * Internal or external?
* What kind of conflict is it?
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| **Character** | Who is involved?What are their characteristics? | QuestioningMaking Connections | * Main characters - Flat
* Minor characters - Round
* Protagonist
* Antagonist
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| **Setting** | Where does the story take place?When does it take place? | Visualizing | * Time (of day, week, month, year, season, history?)
* Place (in a room, building, park, urban, rural, history?)
* Mood created?
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| **Theme** | Why is the story significant?What are we supposed to learn? | InferringMaking Connections | * Messages we are supposed to hear
* Lesson we can apply to life
* Meanings we can garner
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