**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? | Predicting  Summarizing | * Main plot * Sub plot |
| **Conflict** | What is the protagonist struggling against?  Why are the struggling against this force, person, idea, etc | Questioning  Inferring | * Internal or external? * What kind of conflict is it? |
| **Character** | Who is involved?  What are their characteristics? | Questioning  Making Connections | * Main characters - Flat * Minor characters - Round * Protagonist * Antagonist |
| **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? |
| **Theme** | Why is the story significant?  What are we supposed to learn? | Inferring  Making Connections | * Messages we are supposed to hear * Lesson we can apply to life * Meanings we can garner |