

Elements of Literature Notes

Name: _____

antagonist: the villain of the story

✓ mood: the feeling or atmosphere created by the writer

moral: lesson to be learned from the story

narrator: person telling the story

✓ theme: the "general topic" of the story, writers message or main point

audience: the people who are reading the story

✓ character: a person or animal in the story

dialogue: conversation between 2 or more of the characters

✓ setting: time and place of the story

✓ plot: the sequence of events in the story

protagonist: the hero of the story

conflict: when the main character in a story might be in a disagreement with another person, with society, with nature, or with him/herself

foreshadowing: a hint about what will happen next

climax: the high point of the story, when the problem must be faced

point of view: the perspective of the story

symbolism: concrete or abstract concept or idea

style: a way a writer expresses ideas