Literary Elements for Fiction

I. Figurative Language

A. simile

B. metaphor

C. personification

D. symbolism

E. Hyperbole

II. Plot

A. Introduction

1. Setting

2. Narrative point of view

a. 1st

b. 3rd

c. omniscient / limited omniscient

d. tone

e. writing style

3. Mood

4. Characters

a. antagonist / protagonist

c. static / dynamic

d. round / flat

B. Inciting Incident

C. Rising Action

1. Character development

a. what character says

b. what character does

c. what other characters say about him/her

d. what the narrator says about him/her

2. Conflict –

a. Internal – man vs. self,

b. External - man vs. man, nature, super-natural, society

D. Climax

E. Falling Action

F. Resolution / Denouement – Theme

III. Other Terms

A. Irony

B. Foreshadow