



Interpreting Fiction

Plot

- How do events relate to one another?
- How do single events relate to the work as a whole?
- How are events arranged in time?
- What conflicts occur in the story?
- How do these conflicts move the plot along?
- How are events juxtaposed? How does this juxtaposition affect the development?

Setting

- When and where does the action take place?
- What is the relationship between the setting and the mood?
- How does the setting create the mood of the story?
- How does the setting affect the characters?

Characters

- What conflicts exist between the protagonist(s) and the antagonist(s)?
- What traits, feelings, and values are exhibited by the characters?
- How do the characters relate to one another?
- What do the characters say?
- Are the characters fully developed? Stereotyped?
- How are the major characters changed by the events?