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| Unit - Literary Analysis | | Name | |
| Topic -  Plot Analysis Notes  from Glossary of Literary and non-Fiction Terms pp. R102-R112 | | Date | |
| Questions | Notes | | Additions made in Class |
| Define plot  List the five stages of a plot. | **Plot - definition**   * Series of events * That center on conflict   **A plot has five stages**   * Exposition * Rising Action * Climax * Falling Action * Resolution | | https://lh6.googleusercontent.com/nP0p9uCF98N9-r69_YRKk4UHuR10ueE57oLN4-aqud8BZZZjUaSBE4ZMGPPmWTYimmZCNZHQ-lDZ7Bf4FLsj9-XhlB-AQuIXb-yOqsriXJ_zShWARZJBNXQ0SQ8pPkUARAj0iNKRXQ |
| Define conflict.  List and explain the three categories of conflict. | **Conflict - definition**   * A struggle between opposing forces   **Three Categories of Conflict**  External conflict   * Character struggles against a force outside himself or herself * Examples   + Nature   + Physical Object   + Another character   Internal conflict   * Occurs within the character’s mind   Cultural conflict   * Arises because of differing values, beliefs, circumstances between two groups | | Another way of organizing conflicts -  **Universal Conflicts**  Character v.   * Character * Self * Natre * Society * Technology * High Spiritual Power * Etc. |
| Define exposition.  What three things must be introduced in the exposition. | **Exposition - 1st stage of the plot**   * Provides importan background information * Introduces (JUST A HINT)   + Setting   + Main character   + Conflict | | In the first paragraph  (Sometimes a bit in the second paragraph) |
| Define rising action. | **Rising Action - 2nd stage of the plot**   * Develops the conflict * Events occur that increase the conflict (or increase the readers’ understanding of the conflict) * Events build toward climax | | Short Story –   * One step per paragraph or dialogue (rarely two)   Novel –   * One, sometimes two, steps per chapter |
| Define climax. | **Climax- 3rd stage of the plot**   * Occurs near the end of the story * Conflict is ~~resolved~~ ended * Outcome becomes clear | | Short Story –   * Last Page   Novel –   * End of the next to last chapter * Beginning of the last chapter   Climax is a single sentence   * Before the climax there is tension * After the climax there is no tension |
| Define falling action. | **Falling Action - 4th stage of the plot**   * Story begins to draw to a close * Shows results of the decision or action tat happened in the climax * Tension eases | | Commonly 3 - 5 steps |
| Define resolution.  Describe the resolution of a movie and explain how that resolution emphasizes the theme of the movie. | Resolution - 5th stage of the plot   * where the story ends * a final picture left in the readers' minds in the last paragraph * like the freeze frame at the end of a movie * should emphasize the theme of the story   Below, describe the resolution, or freeze frame, at the end of a movie you are familiar with that emphasizes the theme of the movie.  Example given in class by Ben P.   * **Movie** – *Forrest Gump* * **Description of resolution (freeze frame at the end o the movie) –**   Forrest is a single dad , as jenny has died, putting his son on the bus to school and he drops the *Curious George* book he had had when he was a child that he is now reading to his son and a feather floats down from an empty sky as it had earlier in the film.   * Explanation of how that freeze frame emphasizes the theme of the movie –   The theme seems to be that Forrest is a great dad just as he has always been a great person because he is like Curious George: he approaches everything in life with a positive attitude as an adventure, as life is a blessing. The feather represents the angel(s) in heaven who look over Forrest, his mother and now Jenny. | |  |
| Define theme. | **Theme**   * The message * about life or human nature * Must often be inferred, as never really stated in the story | | NOT A MORAL!!!  Often difficult to put into words |