

Remember, as always, your note might be more detailed than the ones below.

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Notes: Elements of Fictions

1. plot & sequence of cause & effect events.
 2. setting: time and place.
 3. theme: what the author wants the reader to think about.
 - a. theme is not story specific.
 - b. theme is like a fat question.
 - c. universal theme can be understood by any culture at any time.
 4. characters.
 5. point of view: narrator style.
- Every story has these 5 elements.
 - Theme is different from the others.
 - Literature has a theme.

Your reading...

- Reading is thinking
- A good book should get to think
- A good book gets you to ask **fat questions**.
- Pay attention to **why** events happens.
- Reading is fun because it gets you thinking.

Example: The Hunger Games

major character, plays a major role.

minor character, plays a minor role.

peripheral character, mom, Prim

Audience = a major role or minor role?

Fat Questions

Injustice—social

Rebellion—good or bad thing? When should you stand up?

Why is the audience entertained by children's death?

What does it mean to be a hero?

Is it human nature to enjoy violence?

Why are the tributes young? Why are we more appalled at children's death?

Is there such a thing as a perfect world?
Is it human nature to be competitive?