**Elements of Drama**

**Drama:**

a form of literature designed to be performed in front of an audience. There are two main types of drama: comedyandtragedy

* Like fiction, dramatic works have a plot, characters, setting, conflict, and one or more themes
* It is essential to know the elements of drama when reading a dramatic work.

1.

**act:** a division within a play, much like chapters of a novel

2.

**aside**: lines that are spoken by a character directly to the audience

3.

**cast of characters**: a list of characters presented before the action begins

4.

**comedy**: a humorous work of drama

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**dialogue**: conversation between two or more characters

6.

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**dramatic irony**: when the audience or reader knows something that the characters in the story do not know

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**foil**: a character who is nearly opposite of another character; the purpose of a foil (or character foil) is to reveal a stark contrast between the two characters, often the protagonist and antagonist

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**iambic pentameter**: a line of poetry that contains5 iambs of two syllables each

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**monologue**: a long speech spoken by a character to himself, another character, or to the audience

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**scene**: a division of an act into smaller parts

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**soliloquy**: thoughts spoken aloud by a character whenhe/she is alone, or thinks he/she is alone

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**stage directions**: italicized comments that identify parts of the setting or the use of props or costumes, give further information about a character, or provide background information

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**tragedy**: a serious work of drama in which the herosuffers catastrophe or serious misfortune, usually because of his own actions

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**tragic hero**: a protagonist with a fatal flaw which eventually leads to his demise

Activity: Using the terms from the list above, create a 15-question Multiple-Choice q-iz. Use the information/definitions from the list; however, you may also add your own knowledge to crate your questions. Please include an answer key – separate piece of paper from the quiz.

Example:

1. The two main types of drama are:
2. plays and monologues c. histories and biographies
3. comedies and tragedies d. monologues and soliloquies
* Turn in your quiz (2 copies), answer sheet (2 copies), and key. Date: TBA
* Your ‘quiz’ will be given to a student to take
* You will score answers
* Turn in quiz (taken by student), key, and score sheet