



Story Elements: Tips

- ALWAYS read the whole story before trying to identify the story elements.
- Try to memorize the 5 story elements because they will be very helpful to know in middle and high school.
- Make sure that you do not confuse the main idea with the theme.
- The theme can be described in single words or short phrases, such as “bravery” or “hope.”
- The main idea is more of a one sentence summary of what the book is about.
- When writing stories of your own, make sure to use all of these elements (If you have all of these elements, you will definitely get a good grade!).