



Parts of a Story



Genre



- “Genre-” French for “kind”
- Literature and film are categorized into different genres-similar characteristics like settings, characters, values

What is your favorite film and book genre?

Write down as many genres as you can think of.

Main Genres

Action

Adventure

Comedy

Drama

Epics/Historical

Crime & Gangster

Horror

Musical

Science Fiction

War

Documentary

Western

Theme

- Broad idea, message, or lesson
- Often timeless and universal messages
- The moral of the story

What is the theme of
A Christmas Carol?

Identify a movie that you like
and its theme.



Character

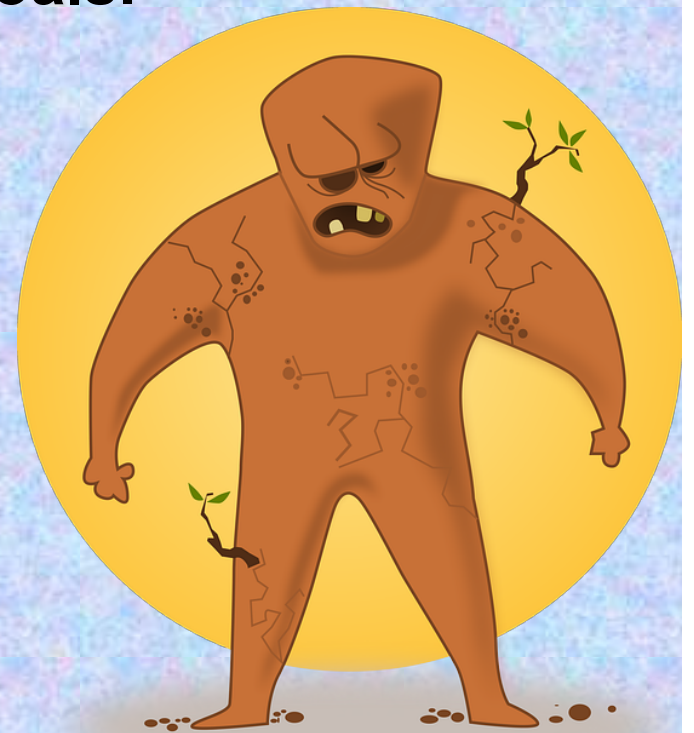
- Person, animal, or imaginary creature in story
- Actions and reactions drive the plot
- Many types of characters-include protagonist, antagonist, and sometimes anti-hero

Name some memorable movie characters.

Character Types

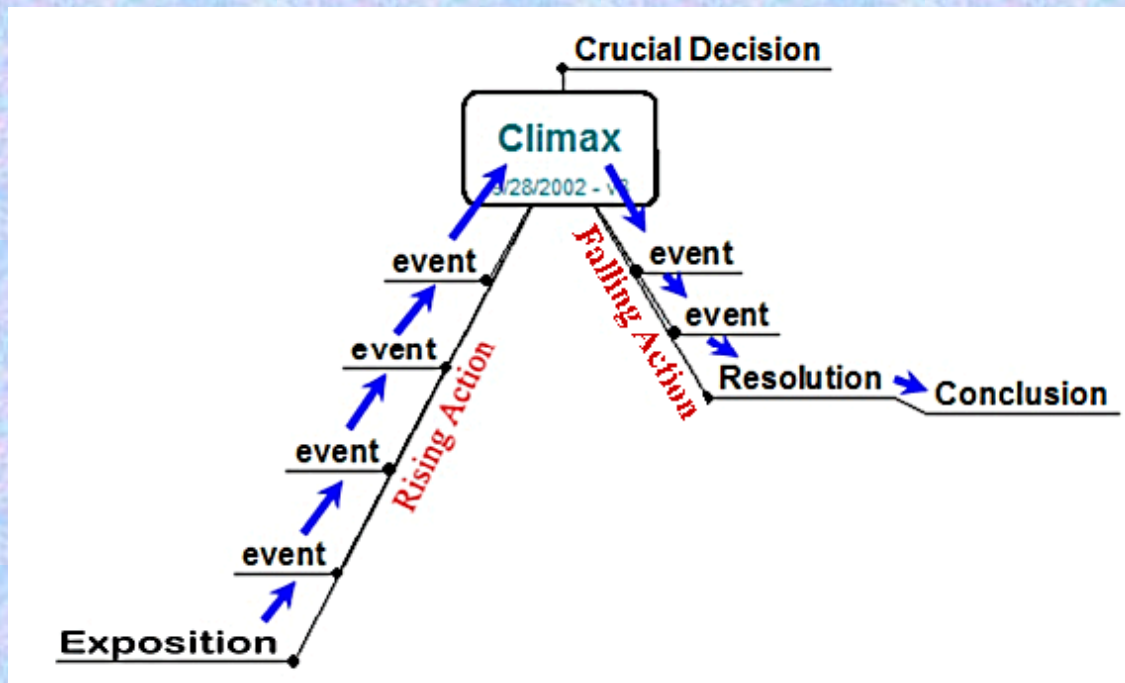
- **Protagonist:** Lead character and focus of the plot.
- **Antagonist:** Character/thing that tries to prevent protagonist from accomplishing goals.
- **Anti-hero:** live on the “outside.” He/she starts alone and rejoins society by the end.

Give an example of each type of Character.



Plot

- The storyline
- Series of events/actions that unfold in a linear fashion
- Parts of plot: Exposition, Rising Action, climax, Falling Action, Resolution



Parts of Plot

- Exposition-provides background needed to understand the story, sets tone, setting
- Rising Action-complications of conflict, builds to climax
- Climax-turning Point, peak of action
- Falling Action-conflict unravels
- Resolution-conclusion, protagonist wins or loses

Conflict

- Obstacles that prevent protagonist from achieving goals
- Obstacles can be people and things

What are some conflicts in
The Wizard of Oz?



Interaction

- Characters interact, connect, and disconnect
- Often results in conflict, discovery, decision
- Interaction can drive a film instead of conflict

Name some films that are character driven (not action).

The End