**Title:** Exploring Elements of Fiction  
**Subject/Course:** Resource English  
**Length:** 4 weeks  
**Topic:** Element Basics – plot, setting, character analysis, point-of-view, theme  
**Grade:** 9-12  
**Designer:** Tonya Beeler

### UNIT GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS

**IMPORTANT CONCEPTS/UNDERSTANDINGS:** Fiction is a genre of writing that has many elements – including plot, setting, characters/analysis, point-of-view, theme, and mood.

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:**
- What is plot? How do you determine plot diagram?
- What is setting?
- What is a character and attributes?
- What is point of view?
- What are different points of view and how do they change the story?
- What is theme?
- What is mood?

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**STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:**

R.9.11.5 Draw inferences from a selection and support with text evidence  
R.10.9.20 Identify and define literary terms  
R.9.11.8 Analyze point of view and its influence on elements of the text (i.e., tone, theme)  
R.10.11.23 Analyze literary elements such as setting, plot, theme, and characterization in a work

R.10.9.14 Compare and contrast the elements of character, setting, and plot in drama  
R.10.11.18 Read a variety of literary and content prose  
W.5.11.4 Write responses to literature that articulate significant ideas of literary works  
W.4.10.11 Apply grammatical conventions for capitalization, punctuation, and spelling

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**SPECIFIC DECLARATIVE KNOWLEDGE – What I know**

- Define plot and plot diagram  
- Identify setting  
- Define point-of-view  
- Define theme  
- Define character and character types  
- Define mood

**SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL KNOWLEDGE – What I need to do**

- Recognize plot diagram elements in reading  
- Make inferences in reading to determine theme/mood  
- Analyze point-of-view and support choice  
- Recognize setting  
- Identify characters and analyze attributes/type

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**UNIT ASSESSMENTS**  
(Include tasks related to Dimensions 3 and 4 and Bloom’s Taxonomy)

- Create plot diagram/mountain for story  
- Analyze stories and label plot diagram/mountain  
- Critical/creative thinking/writing about story

**Traditional Assessments:**
- Test over literary terms  
- Comprehension check for reading

**Other Evidence of Learning:**
- Bellringers  
- Class discussion/participation  
- Mini-conferences with students
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**Career Connections**

*Writer; Newspaper Columnist; Marketing/Advertising; Teacher*