Literary Devices Literary Elements Techniques used by writers to add substance or Essential characteristics of all works of written effect to the text and help the reader create a and spoken narrative fiction. more detailed image. alliteration characters (e.g. Rabbits running over red roses.) (main/protagonist, minor, antagonist) free verse – poem without rhyme or rhythm - climax (e.g. Fog by Carl Sandburg (where the characters face and solve the conflict) The fog comes, on little cat feet. - conflict It sits looking (the problem the characters have to tackle) over harbour and city on silent haunches. - mood and then moves on.) (the overall feeling the author wishes to evoke in the reader) hyperbole/exaggeration (e.g. I can't wait a million years.) - narrator (the person telling the story) idioms (e.g. hit the sack) plot (events in a story) metaphor (e.g. The singer is truly a shiny star.) - point of view (the perspective from which the story is told) onomatopoeia (e.g. pop, buzz, splash ...) resolution (the part where main problem is resolved) personification (e.g. The flowers danced in the breeze.) (time and place when the story takes place) repetition (e.g. Witch, witch where do you fly? Rose Fyleman Witch, witch, where do you fly? (the main subject or idea) Under the clouds and over the sky. - tone Witch, witch, what do you eat? (the author's attitude or feelings) Little black apples from Hurricane Street. Witch, witch, what do you drink? Vinegar and good red ink. Witch, witch, where do you sleep? Up in the clouds where the pillows are cheap.) rhyme (e.g. heather and leather)

rhythm

simile

(e.g. de dum, de dum, de dum)

(e.g. The sun blazed like an angry fire.)

Elements of Drama	
Role /Character: Role: The point of view and values of a character Character: Their personality, background & motivation	Mood and atmosphere: The feeling or tone of both the physical space and the dramatic action created by or emerging from the performance
Situation: The setting and circumstances of the dramatic action – the who, what, where, when and what is at stake for the roles/characters	Relationships: The connections and interactions between people that affect the dramatic action
Movement: Dictating situations, roles and relationships through physical action	Voice: Using voice expressively to create roles, situations, relationships and atmosphere
Audience: Individuals or groups of people who engage emotionally and socially to a range of settings and contexts	Scenes: The place where an action or event, real or imaginary, occurs
Stage-directions: An instruction written into the script of a play, indicating stage actions, movements of performers, or production requirements	Props: Objects used on stage or on screen by actors during a performance
Backstage: The area of a theatre where the actors wait until it is time to walk onstage and play their parts	