

## Story Outlining

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## Preview Quiz: Basic Elements of Story Outlining and Themes


1  Which character is the thematic character who embodies the story's controlling question?

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Choose one answer.

- A. Change character
- B. Obstacle character
- C. Protagonist
- D. Main character
- E. Antagonist


2  Select all of the key elements of a story outline:

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Choose at least one answer.

- a. Theme
- b. Conflict
- c. Characters
- d. Setting
- e. Idea
- f. Plot


3  The obstacle character is always the bad guy.

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Answer:

- True
- False


4  The main character of the story will always be either the change character or the obstacle character.

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Answer:

True

False

5  The \_\_\_\_\_ is the question that asks if the value being championed by the writer is more important than the value being challenged.

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Choose one answer.


a. Controlling question

b. Value Question

c. Thematic question

d. Story question

e. Protagonist's decision

6  The theme of a story is:

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Choose one answer.

a. The category/classification in which the story is placed within

b. The structure of the story that moves the story's conflict purposefully from beginning, middle, and end through a logical progression of cause and effect events

c. The competing desires/needs of the characters that drive the story

d. The central message of the story

e. The basic "what if" concept, the premise, the basic thought around which the story will turn

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*Please select all that apply.*

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A story is \_\_\_\_\_

Choose at least one answer.

- a. the idea, imagined world, characters, and character problems created by a writer
- b. a series of events ultimately resulting in a change of one character
- c. a series of events experienced by characters in conflict
- d. a series of events that directly answers the controlling question related to the theme the author is seeking to share
- e. a series of events ultimately resulting in the resolution of a conflict

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Select at least two.

Which of the following is a thematic character:

Choose at least one answer.

- a. Antagonist
- b. Obstacle character
- c. Change character
- d. Protagonist
- e. Main character

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Which of the following statements is **false**?

Choose one answer.

- a. The change of the change character always comes at the end of the story.
- b. The controlling question is always answered in the climax at the ending of the story.
- c. The value you are championing as your theme must always succeed in the end.
- d. The theme of the story is manifested through the change of a character as a result of the conflict.



The change character is the character that must go through a paradigm shift.


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Answer:

True

False

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