

THE ELEMENTS OF DRAMA



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ROLES

The characters (people, animals, objects, ideas, and more) in a drama.

TENSION

Dramatic friction or opposition that emerges from a conflict, struggle, or juxtaposition of ideas or motivations; dramatic tension drives action and generates interest.

TIME

The pacing of how action moves as the drama unfolds.

DIALOGUE

The words spoken by characters in a drama.

SITUATIONS

The circumstances that frame the drama and identify what is happening and what the problem is.

SPACE

Where the drama unfolds or the use of the performance space; also the positioning of the body across levels in space (low, medium, and high).