Middle School Reading Comprehension Fundamentals

English Literature · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What is the term for the main message or underlying idea of a literary text?

A) Plot
B) Theme
C) Setting
D) Conflict

2. Which literary device uses words to create a mental picture for the reader?

A) Imagery
B) Alliteration
C) Hyperbole
D) Personification

3. What part of a plot structure introduces the characters and the setting?

A) Climax
B) Falling Action
C) Exposition
D) Resolution

4. Which term describes the vantage point from which a story is told?

A) Tone
B) Genre
C) Perspective
D) Dialogue

5. What is a synonym for the 'climax' in a narrative arc?

A) Introduction
B) Turning point
C) Conclusion
D) Sequence

6. Which literary element refers to the time and location in which a story takes place?

A) Setting
B) Mood
C) Theme
D) Characterisation

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7. What is the purpose of an 'index' in a non-fiction book?

A) To list chapters
B) To define words
C) To list specific topics alphabetically
D) To introduce the author

8. Which of the following is a primary feature of a biography?

A) Fictional characters
B) A chronological account of a person's life
C) Magical settings
D) A summary of a poem

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