

# ELEMENTS OF DRAMA

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# DRAMA

It means action i.e. something that is presented on stage

It may include narration, but it's primarily action

Mimesis is the Greek word for imitation and drama is mimesis of action

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# ELEMENTS OF GREEK DRAMA

- **Plot**
  - **Character**
  - **Thought**
  - **Language**
  - **Melody**
  - **Spectacle**
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# ELEMENTS OF MODERN ENGLISH DRAMA

Plot

Character

Setting

Tone & Mood

Diction

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# PLOT

- **Plot is the events in a story arranged artfully**
  - **It's not the same as story**
  - **Many plots begin the story in media res**
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# CHARACTER

- **The various players portray different participants in action i.e. character**
- **A character is revealed by words and actions**

# SETTING

- **The place where all action takes place**
- **There may be unity of place or action may take place at various places**

## **TONE AND MOOD**

- **Tone is the manner in which the characters address one another and the audience**
- **Mood is the overall feeling that action and tone generate during the play**



# DICTION

- Write about the rhetorical tropes used in the extract (alliteration, symbolism etc.)
- Comment upon the musical quality and the pattern of use of specific sounds, e.g. **repetition of plosive consonants here** (so many /g/ sounds in the first few lines and /p/ in the last line).
- Don't forget to mention another poet/poem the extract invokes, e.g. **Blake's "Hear the voice of the bard" here.**