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| **Across****3.** Point where the conflict begins (plot diagram)**5.** Point in the story where the conflict starts to get resolved (plot diagram)**6.** The character directly against the protagonist**9.** High point or turning point in the story (plot diagram)**13.** Point where complications begin in the story (plot diagram)**16.** The time and place of a story**17.** A character who shows a myriad of emotions**19.** Narrator is outside the story and has limited knowledge of characters’ internal thoughts and conflict (point of view)**20.** The end of the story (plot diagram)**21.** Saying one thing but meaning another (irony)**23.** A character who shows only one or two emotions**24.** Character in the story is telling the story (point of view)**27.** A character who is the exact opposite of another in traits**29.** Narrator is not a character in the story but knows thoughts/emotions of all characters | **Down****1.** A character who triggers events **2.** Point in the plot where the setting and characters are introduced (plot diagram)**4.** Problem that arises within the story between one or more individuals or things **7.** Hints that something is going to happen**8.** The author reveals either directly or indirectly qualities and actions that help the reader learn about the characters**10.** An event occurs that was not expected (irony)**11.** The perspective from which the story is told **12.** The main character of the story**14.** The emotion the author conveys about the subject matter he/she is writing about**15.** The implied, unwritten message by the author; usually having to do with the need for social change**18.** When the reader or audience knows something that the characters do not (irony)**22.** A character who does not change**25.** That which stands for more than itself**26.** A character who changes as a result of the events in the story**28.** An emotion the reader feels from the literature |

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