

Drama Key Terms and Concepts

Drama is similar to other genres in that:

- Its language is highly figurative, like POETRY its plot is developed like FICTION
- It presents 3-dimensional characters in action, like FILM
- Drama Comes from the Greek Word, “Drama” means “To do” or “To Act”
- The Doing/Acting Makes Drama
- Drama-is a story told in front of an audience
- Elements of Drama
 - **Playwright**-the author of a play
 - **Actors**-the people who perform
 - **Acts**-the units of action
 - **Scenes**-parts of the acts
 - **Characterization**-playwright’s technique for making believable characters
- Dramatic Speech
 - **Dialogue**-conversation between or among characters
 - **Monologue**-long speech by one single character (private thoughts)
 - **Stage Directions**-Found in brackets [] Describe scenery and how characters speak
- Theater where a play takes place
 - Set Construction on the stage that shows time/place Could be called Scenery
 - Props Small movable items that the actors use to make actions look real

Act	Aside
Blank verse	Dialogue
Electra complex	Genre
Hamartia/ tragic flaw	Hubris
Comedy	Melodrama
Oedipus complex	Drama
Recognition	Scene
Soliloquy	Tragedy