## Elements of Drama – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## Drama Terms – Record in your Journal

- Drama a story written to be performed in front of an audience
  - ► Also known as a play
- ► Characters the people actors portray in a play
  - ▶ Protagonist the "Good Guy" or the main character
  - Antagonist the "Bad Guy" or the character that opposes the main character
  - ▶ Other characters

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- ▶ Playwright Author of the play
- Setting Where, When and with Whom the story takes place
  - ▶ The stage is set to help the audience see where the action occurs
- ▶ Dialogue What the characters say
- Stage Directions what the characters do
  - ▶ Usually in *italics* or in (parentheses) or [brackets]
- Organized into Acts and Scenes
  - ▶ How the play is divided (like chapters in a book)