

9.01: Relationships and Identity Short Stories



Subject-Specific Vocabulary

1	narrative perspective	(n) the point of view from which a story is told
2	parenthesis	(n) extra information added to a sentence, marked by commas, dashes or brackets
3	flashback	(n) a scene in a film, novel, story etc. set in a time earlier than the main story
4	symbolism	(n) when a writer takes an action, object, place, person, animal or word and gives it a much more metaphorical meaning
5	motif	(n) a dominant or repeating idea, image or word in an artistic work
6	biography	(n) an account of someone's life written by someone else
7	autobiography	(n) an account of a person's life written by that person
8	semi-autobiographical	(adj) dealing partly with the writer's own life but also containing fictional elements
9	prologue	(n) a piece of writing found at the beginning of a literary work, before the first chapter and separate from the main story

Character and Tone Vocabulary

10	insignificance	(n) being too small or unimportant to be worth consideration
11	unpalatable	(adj) an act or idea that is unpleasant or shocking and therefore difficult to accept

Thematic Vocabulary

12	relationship	(n) the way in which two or more people are connected, or the way they behave toward each other
13	hierarchy	(n) a system of ranking according to relative status or authority
14	homogenous	(adj) consisting of parts or elements which are all the same or alike
15	masculinity	(n) socially constructed expectations about how men should behave
16	sibling rivalry	(n) competition, jealousy or arguments between brothers and sisters
17	refugee	(n) someone who has been forced to flee their home because of war, violence or persecution
18	identity	(n) a person's personality or sense of who they are
19	liberty	(n) freedom from oppressive restrictions on one's way of life, behaviour or political views
20	empathy	(n) the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person
21	gender	(n) socially constructed perceptions of how men and women are expected to behave
22	gendered	(adj) reflecting or involving gender differences or stereotypical gender roles

Academic Vocabulary

23	stereotype	(n) a fixed and oversimplified belief about a group of people that ignores individual differences and can lead to unfair treatment or assumptions
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