

The Six Elements of Drama

Aristotles

PLOT

what happens in a play; the order of events, the story as opposed to the theme; what happens rather than what it means.

THEME

what the play means as
opposed to what happens
(plot); the main idea within
the play

CHARACTER

the personality or the part an actor represents in a play; a role played by an actor in a play.

DICTION/LANGUAGE/DIALOGUE

the word choices made by the playwright and the enunciation of the actors delivering the lines

MUSIC/RHYTHM

by music Aristotle meant the sound, rhythm and melody of the speeches.

SPECTACLE

the visual elements of the production of a play; the scenery, costumes, and special effects in a production.