**STORY ELEMENT REVIEW SHEET Summative Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**SETTING:** the time (when) **and** place (where) in which the story takes place.

**CHARACTER**: the people, animals or objects that appear in the story; we learn the personality (**character trait**) of a character based on what they do, what they say or think; **character development** is how the author makes the characters believable and how the characters change during the story.

**PLOT:** what happened, to whom, and why; a plot has a beginning, middle and end; it is a series of events that take place in which the character takes action to solve a problem and how the problem (**CONFLICT**) is over or resolved.

The parts of the plot are:

1. Exposition - the beginning of the story; setting & characters are introduced
2. Rising Action – tension and events in the story begin to build
3. Climax – the turning point in the story; the “OMG” moment that changes everything!
4. Falling Action – things begin to wind down, the problem begins to be or is resolved
5. Resolution—the conclusion; how did it end? What did the character learn?

**THEME:** **The/me**ssage; the big idea—the life lesson that the main character and the reader about life; theme can be applied to other books and our own lives; theme can be described in a word or phrase like “friendship” or “true friends don’t care what you look like on the outside”.

*Use the notes in the reading section of your binder also!!*