

# Five Key Story Elements

## Examples from Popular Fiction

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	Character	Situation	Objective	Opponent	Disaster
Harry Potter	Harry Potter, an 11 year old orphan	A secret magical world, England	Survive wizarding school	Voldemort, the most powerful and evil wizard to ever live	Voldemort is on the verge of regaining his powers
Star Wars	Luke Skywalker, a 19 year old orphan	An intergalactic Empire in the midst of civil war	Help Leia defeat the Galactic Empire	Darth Vader, commander of the Imperial Forces	The rebels are on the run from the Death Star
The Lion King	Simba, the young son of the King	The plains of Africa	Defeat Scar and take claim the throne	Scar, his cruel uncle	Scar has driven the plains to ruin
Macbeth	Macbeth, a successful general of the King	Scotland in the Middle Ages	Become King	His own demons and madness	His opponents storm the castle, intent on killing MacBeth
A Christmas Carol	Scrooge, a rich but mean old man	London in the 1800s	Keep all his riches to himself	The ghosts of Christmas	Scrooge sees a vision of his bleak future
Jane Eyre	Jane Eyre, governess	Northern England in the early 19th Century	Find an independent and fulfilling life	Mr Brocklehurst, Mr Rochester and St John Rivers	Jane discovers Mr Rochester has been seriously injured in a fire
The Hunger Games	Katniss, a 16 year old girl from District 12	Dystopian, post-apocalyptic North America	Survive the hunger games	Coriolanus Snow, The President of Panem	The game makers change the rules at the last moment

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