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Elements of a Novel

A novel is a type of literary work which is usually between 100-500 pages, and uses all of the elements of storytelling: plot, climax, characters, setting, point of view, and theme.

**Plot** – the related series of events that make up a story

**Climax** – (part of the plot) the turning point of the story; emotional high point for the character

**Conflict** – the struggle(s) between opposing forces, usually characters

**Character** – the individuals involved in the action of the story

**Setting** – the time and place, or where and when, the action occurs

**Point of View** – the perspective from which a story is told

**Theme** – the main idea behind a literary work; the message in the story

Directions: For *Of Mice and Men*, complete the organizer below.

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| **Title** | **Plot** |
| **Climax** | **Conflict(s)** |
| **Characters** | **Setting** |
| **Point of View** | **Theme(s)** |