

What Makes a MYSTERY



Characters

Suspects: Characters who might have committed a crime.

Detective: Character who is trying to solve the mystery

Witnesses: Characters who saw the crime being committed



Plot

A mystery usually includes one of the following:

- *A problem that needs to be solved
- *An event that can't be explained
- *A secret
- *Something that is lost or missing
- *A crime has been committed

Recipe for a Mystery

Beginning: characters are introduced and the reader learns about the problem

Middle: detectives work to solve the problem by interviewing suspects and gathering clues

End: the mystery is solved

Setting

This is the location where the mystery takes place.

Clues

Clues are hints or help that will help the reader or detective solve the mystery.

Red Herring

These are false clues or distractions that lead the reader or detective off track.

1. The person who solves the mystery is the _____.
2. The plot might involve something that is _____ or missing.
3. Two other words for clues are _____ or _____.
4. At the end of the story the mystery is _____.
5. Who are witnesses? _____

