Parts of a Story

Characters
The people who drive the story forward. There are primary and secondary characters.

Setting
Where the story takes place. It could be a real place or an imaginary world.

Conflict
The main problem the characters face. There are obstacles in the path of the characters' goals.

Solution
How the conflict gets solved and what happens to the characters at the end of the story.

Theme
The points an author wants to make and the underlying message of a story. The author wants to say something about the world.

Metaphor
A symbol for a larger idea. Ex: Godzilla is a metaphor for the nuclear bomb.