Narrative Vocabulary

You will have a quiz over these words next Friday, August 16. There is a link for an online set of flashcards on my website for you to study.

1. Narrative-a story
2. Character-the people, animals, etc. in a story
3. Conflict-the problem; this may be man vs. man, man vs. nature, or man vs. self
4. Setting-the time and location of the story
5. Theme-a recurring main idea or message (e.g. growing up, friendship, love, identity)
6. Plot-what happens throughout the story, from beginning to end
7. Exposition-introduces the setting and characters, and hints at the conflict
8. Rising action-shows how the conflict becomes more difficult; builds suspense
9. Climax- the most exciting part and the turning point in the story; makes the outcome of the conflict clear
10. Falling action-eases the tension; shows how the main character resoles the conflict
11. Resolution-reveals how everything turns out; sometimes called the denouement