Characteristics of Adventure

A special type of fiction in literature containing stories presenting a series of exciting events in which

- The main character is a hero or heroine (protagonist) who is setting out on a journey to face a challenge.

- There is physical action and the characters are often placed in extreme situations and are forced to take risks in order to complete their journey.

- There is often a villain (antagonist) who uses their skills to stop the protagonist.

- The setting changes, moving from place to place as we follow the protagonist through his or her journey. It underlines the sense of danger and obstacles to be overcome.

- The plot is fast paced with action and excitement throughout the story.

- The themes reflect realistic human experiences, messages about people.

- Narrative structure and elements are organized in a time ordered sequence.

- The author may use 1st person or 3rd person to tell the story.

- The story can be realistic or a fantasy.
Concept Map  Adventure Stories

**Adventure**

What are the characteristics of adventure story?

### Characters

- The protagonist is brave, faces a challenge, sets out on a risky journey or a quest with risks involved. The antagonist or villain puts obstacles in the way of the protagonist.

### Setting

- Changes, moving from place to place along the journey. Can take place in the past, present or the future.

### Plot Structure

- Includes exposition, a series of events and setbacks that create rising action, a climax, falling action and a resolution.

### Climax/Resolution

- The climax is exciting, the protagonist is in great danger, may involve life and death. The resolution may foreshadow new adventures in books that are part of a series.

### Theme

- A message about self, family, society, or nature that the author wants the reader to understand. Common themes involve overcoming fears, good against evil or man against nature.