

Good fiction...

Develops a main character who

- has convincing thoughts and feelings

- talks like a real person

- has a definitely personality

- is believable and consistent

- has a problem/ is facing a conflict

- a reader can be with and wants to be with

Has a solid plot- isn't a meandering daydream on paper

Has a lead that draws the reader in

Has a so what that sticks with the reader after the story

Keeps a steady pace

Has a climax, or high point... an event of great intensity in the story

Based in grounded experience

Has relevant dialogue that moves the action forward

Follows conventions and keeps a consistent verb tense (past or present)

Creates a movie of the story behind the reader's eyelids