**ELA terms - Study Guide**

* **Main Idea**- Mostly about, mainly about
* **Setting**- Where and when a story takes place
* **Compare and Contrast**- Similarities and differences among people, objects or events
* **Theme**- Lesson or message of story
* **Fact**- Can be proven to be true
* **Genre**- Kinds of literature (realistic fiction, historical fiction, nonfiction, biography, etc.)
* **Structure**- How a story is put together (problem/solution, cause/effect, etc..)
* **Effect**- Outcome (what happens as a result?)
* **Author’s Purpose**- Inform, persuade, entertain, describe
* **Opinion**- Statement based on author’s judgment (best, worst, most beautiful)
* **Plot**- What happens in a story (problem, events, climax, solution)
* **Cause**- Reason that something happens (Why did it happen?)
* **Mood**- How a story makes you feel
* **Sequence of Events**- Order in which things happen (timeline, time order)
* **Characters**- People, animals, or things that perform the action in a story
* **Supporting details**- Tells more about main idea, prove the main idea