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### Standards Focus: Elements of the Novel

A **novel** is a type of literary work which is lengthy (generally between 100-500 pages), and uses all of the elements of storytelling: **plot, climax, characters, setting, point of view, and theme**. Novels usually have several **conflicts** involving several main characters, and more than one setting. As you read *Of Mice and Men*, pay attention to each of the characteristics of a novel, and see how well the book fits into the novel format.

**Plot** - the related series of events that make up a story

**Climax** - (part of the plot) the turning point of the story; emotional high point for the character

**Conflict** - the struggle(s) between opposing forces, usually characters

**Character** - the individuals involved in the action of the story

**Setting** - the time and place, or where and when, the action occurs

**Point of View** - the perspective from which a story is told

**Theme** - the main idea behind a literary work; the message in the story

Directions: For a novel you have already read, complete the organizer below. In the center, fill in the name of the novel, then fill in the ovals around it with each element indicated for the book you have chosen.

