# ELEMENTS OF DRAMA

The elements of drama include: plot, characters, stage, audience, sound, light, etc.

## Plot

This is what happens in the play. Plot refers to the action and the basic storyline of the play. It can also be defined as the artistic arrangement of events in the play.

There are six (6) stages in a plot structure: initial incident, preliminary action, rising action, climax, falling action.

## Character

Character is the people or creatures that appear in a script by speaking or doing something. A character is someone in a script who is involved with a plot.

## Stage or Setting

The setting is where and when the play takes place. Many plays have more than one setting.

## Audience

This is the group of people who watch the play. Many playwrights and actors consider the audience to the most important element of drama, as all of the effort put into writing and producing a play is for the enjoyment of the audience.

## Sound

The effects an audience hears during performance to communicate character, context, or environment.

## Light

The placement, intensity, and colour of lights help to communicate environment, mood or feeling.