Elements of Fiction Review: Gore – Teacher Answer Key

A. Plot

Typical plot structure includes exposition (sibling rivalry and horror story setup), rising action (Ali's imagination and fear), climax (realization of the truth about the 'intruder'), falling action (Ali's reaction), and resolution (humor and irony revealed).

B. Character

Protagonist: Ali – imaginative, dramatic, fearful but brave. Antagonist: Her brother – teases and manipulates her, setting up the story's conflict.

C. Conflict

External conflict between siblings; internal conflict as Ali battles fear and imagination. The story balances both forms effectively.

D. Setting

The story takes place in a dark, ordinary home. The author's use of shadows and suspense builds a gothic mood that mirrors Ali's imagination.

E. Point of View

First-person narration. This perspective limits readers to Ali's experiences, heightening suspense and emphasizing imagination versus reality.

F. Theme

Themes include the power of imagination, sibling rivalry, and how fear can distort perception. The story reminds readers not to let fear control them.