

Kemnal Keys - Melodrama

Key terms

GENRE: A category or type of theatre such as romance, horror etc.

STOCK CHARACTER: A stereotypical person whom audiences readily recognize from frequent recurrences in a particular genre.

STEREOTYPE: A widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing.

HERO: A person, typically a man, who is admired for their courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

HEROINE: The main female character in a play, who is typically identified with good qualities, and with whom the reader is expected to sympathize.

VILLAIN: A cruelly malicious person who is involved in or devoted to wickedness or crime.

COMEDY: A play that is humorous or satirical and features amusing people or incidents, in which the characters ultimately triumph over adversity.

POSES: An action or gesture intended to portray a particular emotion

EXAGGERATION: Something that is 'larger than life'

SCRIPT: The blueprint of a play.

SCENE: A section of a play.

Key characters

Noble Hero - Falls for the heroine. Defeats the villain. Brave and strong.

Cold-blooded villain - Evil without cause. Wants to be with the heroine. Schemes and plots.

Villains Side-kick - Controlled by the Villain and not very bright.

Long suffering heroine- Pure and innocent. Has had a difficult life. Finds happiness at the end.

Comic Character- Lower class. Tries to help the hero/heroine. Well-meaning but not very bright.

Cruel Stepmother - Doesn't like her step daughter. Bossy and controlling. Schemes with the villain.

Weak Father - Not very confident. Wants the best for his daughter. Controlled by the Cruel Stepmother.

Themes

Injustice - lack of fairness or justice.

Revenge - the action of hurting or harming someone in return for an injury or wrong suffered at their hands.

Horror - painful and intense fear, dread, or dismay

Heartache - emotional anguish or grief, typically caused by the loss or absence of someone loved.