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OR (in literary theory, vice versa: a narrative is part of a story)

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communication, meaning-making, identity, memory

# narratology

## **narrative elements:**

**plot:** the logical structure of a story, explains why things happen.

**story arc:** beginning, middle, end;  
exposition, development, climax (denouement), resolution

## **aesthetics:**

**themes**

**motives**

**characters**

**narration**

**point of view (pov)**

**foreshadowing**

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**foregrounding:** (from Russian & Czech formalists, 1920s)

literature is a specialized mode for communication

differs from everyday communication

systematic foregrounding of specific linguistic elements

rule-making or rule-breaking

superimposition of extra rules or patterns (rhyme, alliteration, patterning)

“making strange”

## genres

**discourse:** stylistic choices that effect how the narrative appears  
(example: non-chronological order/flashbacks)

**intertextuality:** allusions, references or parallels to other stories, literature, film, mass media, other cultural references  
(palimpsest)

# narrativity

## **More often used to describe theories of filmmaking**

what conventions specific to film are used: montage, time/space, leit motif

how the story is told by filmmakers: what to show, why not to show

interpretation is highly subjective

# narrative vs. art film

## **narrative film**

**art film** (for specific purposes, to reveal how film works [mirror])  
fields of perception

(story vs. fields of perception)

# narrative AR

## **augmented reality**

depicted in *Terminator 2* as aspect of character  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=RITE-FiW5Gg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RITE-FiW5Gg)

as technology:  
overlay of information can sometimes be a story itself  
*Voices of Oakland*  
[www.cc.gatech.edu/acl/projects/voicesofoakland.html](http://www.cc.gatech.edu/acl/projects/voicesofoakland.html)

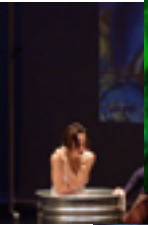
# VR

## immersive virtual reality

spatial exploration  
interactivity



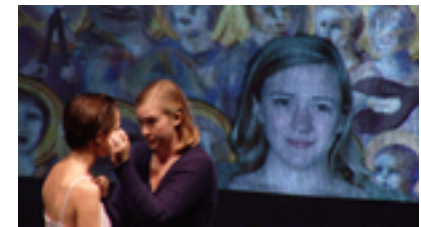
Faces





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**immersive virtual reality**  
as scenography



*Annunciation & Visitation*

# videogames

**back story**

**are videogames themselves interactive stories?  
or something else?**

# interactive art

**examples of storytelling?**