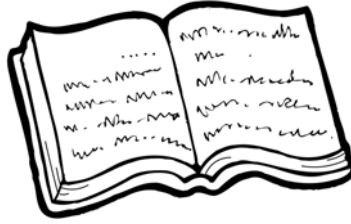


Name _____ **Melodrama**



Meet the Melodrama

The word melodrama comes from combining the Greek word melos (song) with the French word drame (to represent its presence in theater). Melodramas were originally a form of musical theatre popular during the Victorian age, which relished sensational characters and plotlines. Melodrama today has lost the musical element, but retains the characteristic of being designed to intentionally provide emotional responses from the reader.

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the novels below. Write a short paper explaining how the book displays the elements of a melodrama.

- Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë
- Twilight (The Twilight Saga, #1) by Stephenie Meyer
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green