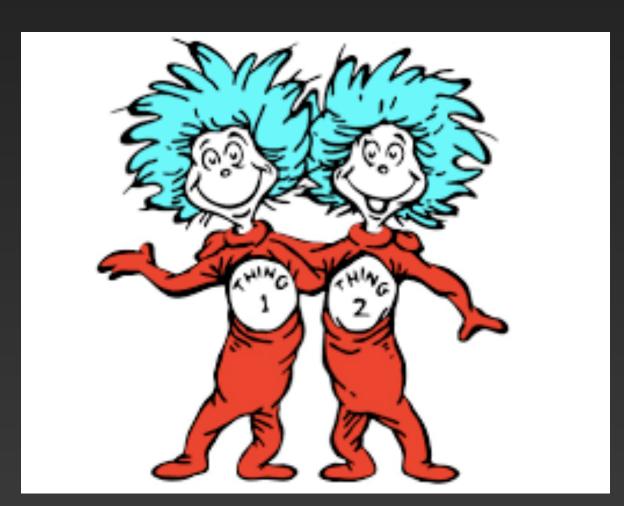# Character

Literary Elements Day 3

Wednesday November 25th — 2020

Character Traits?

Traits are words that we use to describe the personality or qualities of a character.

Characters and can have physical traits or personality traits.

Flat Character

- A character with few traits (not detailed)
- No complex emotions, motivations or personality.
- Does not go through any kind of change in the story.

Question: Do we see any examples of flat characters in *The Fun They Had?*

Round Character

- A well developed character that is important to the story.
- Main characters are often round.
- They have personality and different emotions, that can help us relate to them because they seem more realistic.
- Opposite to a flat character
- A round character does not have to undergo change

Static Character

- A character that does not undergo any significant change throughout a story.
- The traits of this character does not change over time.
- Does not grow or develop.
- Are often supporting characters in a story.

Question: Can you think of any examples of static characters from *The Fun They Had?*

Dynamic Character

- A character that undergoes change during a story.
- The traits and emotions of this character change over time.
- Experiences growth.
- Most main characters are dynamic

Question: Can you think of any examples of a dynamic character from *The Fun They Had?*

Protagonist

- The main character of the story
- Has some kind of goal
- Can be either good or bad

- One example is the character Shrek. Can you think of others?

Antagonist

- The character, or the force, that is working against the main character.
- Someone or something that works against the main character.

Question: Who/what was the antagonist in *The Fun They Had?*

Conflict

- Conflict can be either external or internal
- There are 3 main types of conflict, but a few others seen in some stories as well.

External Conflict

- **Person versus Person**
    - A conflict between 2 or more individual characters.

- **Person versus Environment**
    - A conflict between a person and their situation (nature, society, the supernatural, technology)

Internal Conflict

- Person versus Self
  - A struggle taking place inside a character's mind.

Point of View - The viewpoint the story is told.

1. First Person:

- The narrators point of view

- Uses "I" when speaking.

- The readers know only as much as the narrator does.

2. Third Person Omniscient:

- All knowing — God Mode

The narrator knows the thoughts and feelings of all characters.

3. Third Person <u>Limited</u> Omniscient:

- The narrator knows thoughts and feelings of one character, but not necessarily the others.

- The narrator would talk about the actions, feelings, and thoughts of a specific character or characters.