

Types of Characters

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Character who takes the conflict.
main character w/ narrative attention.
Not always "good guy".

protagonist

character who struggles against or is in conflict with the protagonist.
Not always "bad guy".

not affected by the events of the story
no changes to his or her personality
can be main characters or supporting characters

static

dynamic
go through a significant change
values/morals of the character change

characters we know very little about
characterized by one or 2 traits.
not well developed

flat

round
complex, realistic, & well developed
possess both good & bad traits.
reader learns a lot about them

mentioned only briefly (less than a flat character)
mentioned in passing

minor

sympathetic

has a situation you understand, sympathize with, or can relate to
reader can connect to that character's feelings or motivations