

# Characters and characterizations



# Characters

- Character is a person in a narrative work of art (such as novel, play, film or television series)
- Character can be defined as any person, animal or figure represented in a literary work



# Types of characters

- protagonist and antagonist
- dynamic and static characters
- round and flat characters
- stock character

# Protagonist and antagonist

**Protagonist** is the main person in a story, he or she is faced with a conflict that must be resolved.

**Antagonist** is the character that represents the opposition against the protagonist. It is a barrier that the protagonist must overcome.

# Dynamic and static characters

**A dynamic character** is a person who changes over time, usually as a result of dealing a main conflict or facing a major crisis.

E. x. Romeo from Romeo and Julliet

**A static character** is someone who does not changes over time, his or her personality does not evolve through a story.

E.x. Anthena from The Odyssey

# Stock characters

A stock character is a fictional character based on a common literary or social stereotypes.

This type of character is often familiar to an audience, since it is usually similar to figures from other works. Frequently used in parody.



# Characterizations

Characterization is a literary device in literature that is used *to denote and explain* the details about a character in a story. It includes introduction of a character, the expression of his or her feelings and thoughts, behavior, opinions and ideas, and conversations with the rest of the characters

# Types of characterizations

**Direct (explicit) characterization** - a direct approach towards building the character

**Indirect (implicit) characterization** - the audience has to deduce for themselves the characteristics by remark thought process, speech, way of behavior and etc.



# Methods of characterization

- **Physical description**
- **Action**
- **Inner thoughts**
- **Reaction**
- **Speech**
- **Analysis of the name**



Emotional and physical settings

# Thank you for your attention!

