

Narrator and Perspective



Please answer the question:

What is a narrator? What makes them important?

Narrator

- First person → uses “I” and “me”
- Third person omniscient (omniscient = all-knowing) → uses “he” and “she”, knows the inner thoughts of all characters
- Third person limited → also uses “he” and “she”, but only knows the inner thoughts of one or two characters

Point of View

- Narrator vs. Author
- Reliability/unreliability of the narrator (can we trust them?)
- The story can change a lot depending on the narrator and their reliability
- *Flipped* example → [Juli](#) vs [Bryce](#)

How would the story be different?

- Who is the narrator?
- Who are the main characters?
- Go through the main characters one by one and discuss how the story would be different if they were the one narrating instead.
- Do you think the novel would be better/worse with a different narrator? Why or why not? (not everyone has to agree!) → **Power**

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Journaling Question

If you wrote a novel, what kind of narration would you use and why? Would your narrator be reliable or not?