

We learn about characters in 2 different ways:

Direct Presentation is when the author tells us straight out the details about that character. These details are usually stated through another character: for example, we learn that Charlie Brown is a "blockhead" because Lucy tells us directly that he is a blockhead.

Indirect Presentation is when the author describes the character's actions. The reader infers what the character is like from what *he/she thinks, does, or says*. For example, we learn that Lucy is mean because she always takes the football away from Charlie Brown when he tries to kick it.

Main characters

Classified as either being a:

Protagonist(s) - the central character(s)

- either good or bad
- usually someone that the reader can sympathize with
- *ie: Luke Skywalker, Han Solo & gang*

Antagonist(s) - the character(s) working against the protagonist(s)

- *ie: Darth Vader, Count Dooku, General Grievous, etc.*

Character Types

There are generally 3 types of character:

1. Flat or round:

Flat is know by one or two traits (Robin)

Round is complex and many-sided (Batman)

2. Stock or unique:

Stock is a stereotype (i.e., mad scientist, rock star) and is predictable and faces predictable situations

Unique characters are not predictable and face unusual situations (Harry Potter)

3. Static or Dynamic

Static characters stay the same through the whole story (Linus)

Dynamic characters are developing and constantly changing (Snoopy)

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