

Texts:

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The Twenty-Three by Linwood Barclay

✎ What is the 3rd person narrator's attitude to these characters? - What tone/s do they use?

✎ Why is the narrator's attitude important?

✎ In which of these excerpts is the character described the protagonist? –can you describe their goal? And/or character flaw?

✎ In which if these excerpts is the character described a minor character? – What is the value of starting a novel with a description of someone who isn't the protagonist?

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Writing exercises:

- ✍ From the perspective of the 3rd person narrator, describe a major or minor character from your novel e.g. detective, criminal or victim. (500 words)

Consider what the 3rd person narrator's attitude is towards the described character as this will set the tone.

N/B Is your narrator limited or objective?

- ✍ From the perspective of the 1st person narrator, describe a major or minor character from your novel e.g. detective, criminal or victim. (500 words)

Consider what the 1st person narrator's attitude is towards the described character as this will set the tone.

N/B Is your narrator reliable or unreliable?