

Character Development

Character Development is the process in which authors use certain elements to bring a character to life.

types of characters:

protagonist: the main character, the one around whom the story revolves

antagonist: the opposition to the main character; continually deals out obstacles (to the protagonist or those the protagonist is close to) to prevent the protagonist from reaching his/her goal.

catalysts: the instigators who promote action, conflict, or a disruption. Their job is to keep the story moving using action to further accelerate conflict.

character arc:

the process of change in the characters throughout the story

frequently asked questions when developing characters:

Should I develop my characters before I begin writing my story?

Is there anything to avoid when developing a protagonist?

Should I kill my protagonist?

Should an antagonist always die a cruel death?

Should an antagonist always deliver a violent death to others?

Should the "good guy" always win?