

Questions about Narration and Point of View:

- Does the narrator speak in the first, second or third person?
- Is the story narrated in the past or present tense? Does the verb tense affect your reading of it in any way?
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- Is the narrator identified as a character, and if so, how much does he or she participate in the action?
- Does the narrator ever seem to speak to the reader directly (addressing “you”) or explicitly state opinions or values?
- Do you know what every character is thinking, or only some characters, or none?
- Does the narrative voice or focus shift during the story or remain consistent?
- Do the narrator, the characters and the reader all perceive matters in the same way, or are there differences in levels of understanding?