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Lesson: Character

Characters are either major or minor, and either static (unchanging) or dynamic (changing).

- **Protagonist** the leading character; the main character
- **Antagonist** the force acting against the main character
- E.M. Forster drew the distinction between *flat* and *round* characters.
- **Flat** character a one-dimensional representation, a stereotype
- **Round** character a multi-dimensional representation, someone who can convince in a surprising manner
- **Dynamic** character one that changes or grows from beginning to end
- **Static** character one that never changes or grows from beginning to end

Readers can learn about characters in many ways, including: Physical traits, Dialogue, Actions, Attire, Opinions, Point of view