

CHARACTERS

Stories have a variety of characters. Four types of characters are:

- **Protagonist** – The main character in the story. He or she (or they) is faced with a conflict that must be resolved.
- **Antagonist** – The antagonist is the character(s) (or situation) that represents the opposition against which the protagonist must contend. In other words, the antagonist is an obstacle that the protagonist must overcome.
- **Supporting** – serve to complement the major characters and help move the plot event forward.
- **Symbolic** – a symbolic character is any major or minor character whose very existence represents some major idea or aspect of society.

Who is:

- the Protagonist
- the Antagonist
- the Supporting characters
- the Symbolic characters



king - strong - "he secured the kingdom"

infant grandson / prince - heir to throne

farm girl - prince fell in love with her

new queen - has magic powers - "she had made herself look young"
- evil - wants prince to marry *her* instead

villagers - like prince and believe him

The Tree - saves the queen