

Literary Element: Point of View

Name _____

A story is usually told from one standpoint. The standpoint the writer chooses determines the point of view. There are three basic points of view.

All-Knowing Omniscient: The narrator or storyteller knows what all the characters are thinking and doing.

First Person: The narrator is a character in the story and uses I and me to refer to him or herself.

Third Person: The narrator is outside the story but tells the story chiefly from the main character's point of view.

Because of Winn-Dixie is told from the first person point of view. Opal refers to herself as "I" in telling the story and acts as the narrator.

Answer the questions and complete the chart below.

How does the first person point of view make the narration of this story more personal? _____

Name two details only the narrator could tell you. _____

What does the narrator think of certain characters? Complete the chart below.

Character Name	What the Narrator Says	What the Narrator Thinks	What the Narrator Does
Gloria			
Otis			
Amanda			