

Protagonist vs. Antagonist



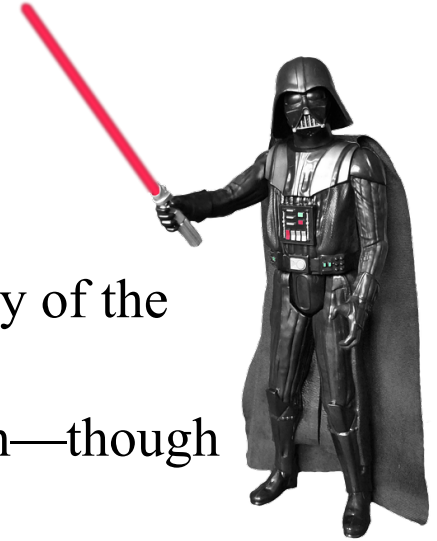
Protagonist

- This is who the reader roots for and who the story generally follows.
- Protagonist doesn't have to be all sweetness and light; there are good anti-heroes out there.



Antagonist

- The antagonist is the character whose goals get in the way of the protagonist's.
- The antagonist doesn't have to be a dark lord style villain—though those can be fun.
 - Ex. In *The Astonishing Color of After*, the protagonist's own father acts as an antagonist because he's not comfortable discussing the family issues she's trying to confront.



Hunger Games Example

- The following video is from *The Hunger Games*, and it should show a pretty good idea of how protagonist versus antagonist should work.
- The link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFiyU-myPHQ>.



Things to Note...



- Katniss and President Snow are each getting in the way of what the other needs.
- The conversation itself is a power play.
- Katniss and President Snow are evenly matched (at least personality wise).
- There's a connection between the two of them. They know how to think in similar ways.

