***ENG 1D SHORT STORY – CHARACTER***

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**CHARACTER** is a person in a story. Characters are described by their **character traits**, which are the things we know about that character.

***Antagonist and Protagonist***
Short stories use few characters.

**PROTAGONIST** (usually good person) – Story revolves around them.  **ANTAGONIST** (usually bad person) – Either is the problem or tires to keep protagonist from solving problem

***CHARACTER TRAITS***
In order for a story to seem real to the reader its characters must seem real.  The author may reveal a character in several ways:
a)  his/her physical appearance
b)  what he/she says, thinks, feels and dreams
c)  what he/she does or does not do
d)  what others say about him/her and how others react to him/her

Characters are convincing if they resemble real people. Readers find both **IMPLICIT** (information is suggested) and **EXPLICIT** (information is direct) character traits

***CHARACTERS CAN BE:***

**-ROUND**:When many details are known about the character

-**FLAT:** Few details are known about a character

**-DYNAMIC**:When the character makes some kind of major change

-**STATIC:** Character does not undergo a change

-**MAJOR:** Character is focus of story

-**SUPPORTING:** Character has an important role but is not the focus

-**MINOR:** Character unimportant/in the background