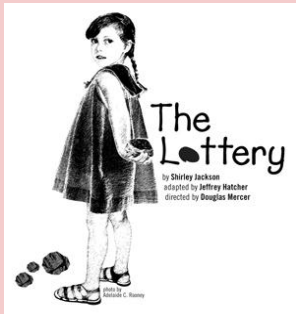
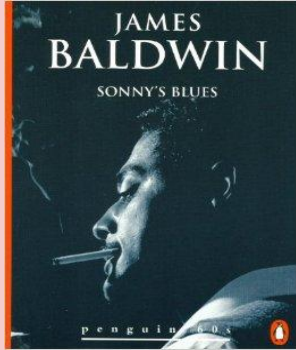


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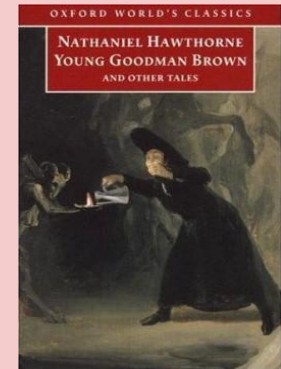
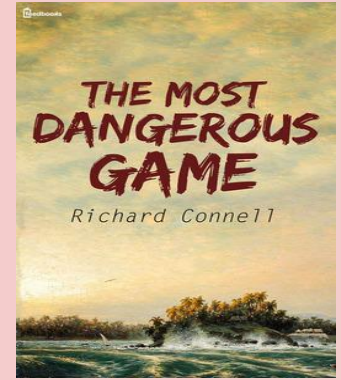


The Elements of Fiction



What are they?

- Characterization
- Structure
- Theme
- Fantasy
- Symbolism
- Point of View
- Humor



Point of View:

WHAT IS IT AND HOW CAN THE READER IDENTIFY IT?

WHAT IS IT?

WHO TELLS THE STORY AND HOW IT GETS TOLD.

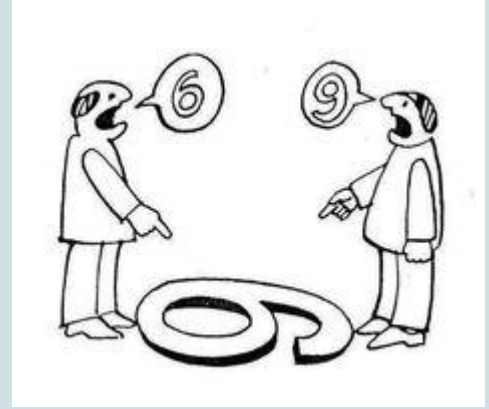
Ex: *THE HUNGER GAMES*
IS TOLD FROM THE POINT
OF VIEW OF KATNISS
EVERDEEN



HOW DO I KNOW?

ASK THE QUESTION, "WHO IS
TELLING THE STORY, AND HOW MUCH
ARE THEY ALLOWED TO KNOW?"

The Four Basic Points of View



Omniscient

*The Scarlet
Letter*

Third Person
Limited

*Harry
Potter*

First Person

*The Great
Gatsby*

Objective

Plays
& movies

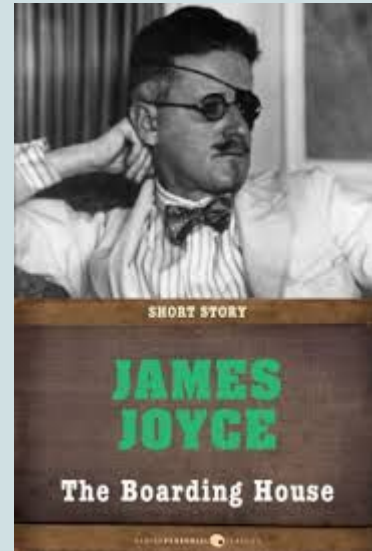
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Point of View



3rd Person *Omniscient*

- How do we know?
- How does it affect the story?



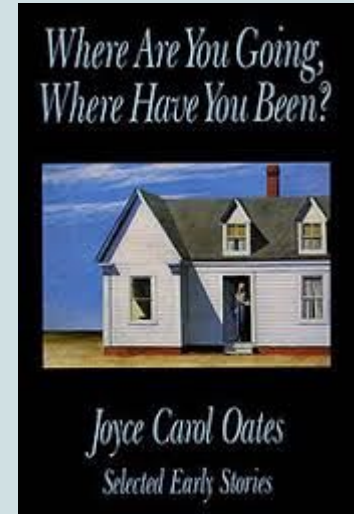
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Point of View



3rd Person *Limited*

- How do we know?
- How does it affect the story?



The Boarding House, By: James Joyce

“Mrs Mooney, who was a shrewd judge, knew that the young men were only passing the time away: none of them meant business.”

“Polly knew that she was being watched, but still her mother’s persistent silence could not be misunderstood”

Omniscient point of view

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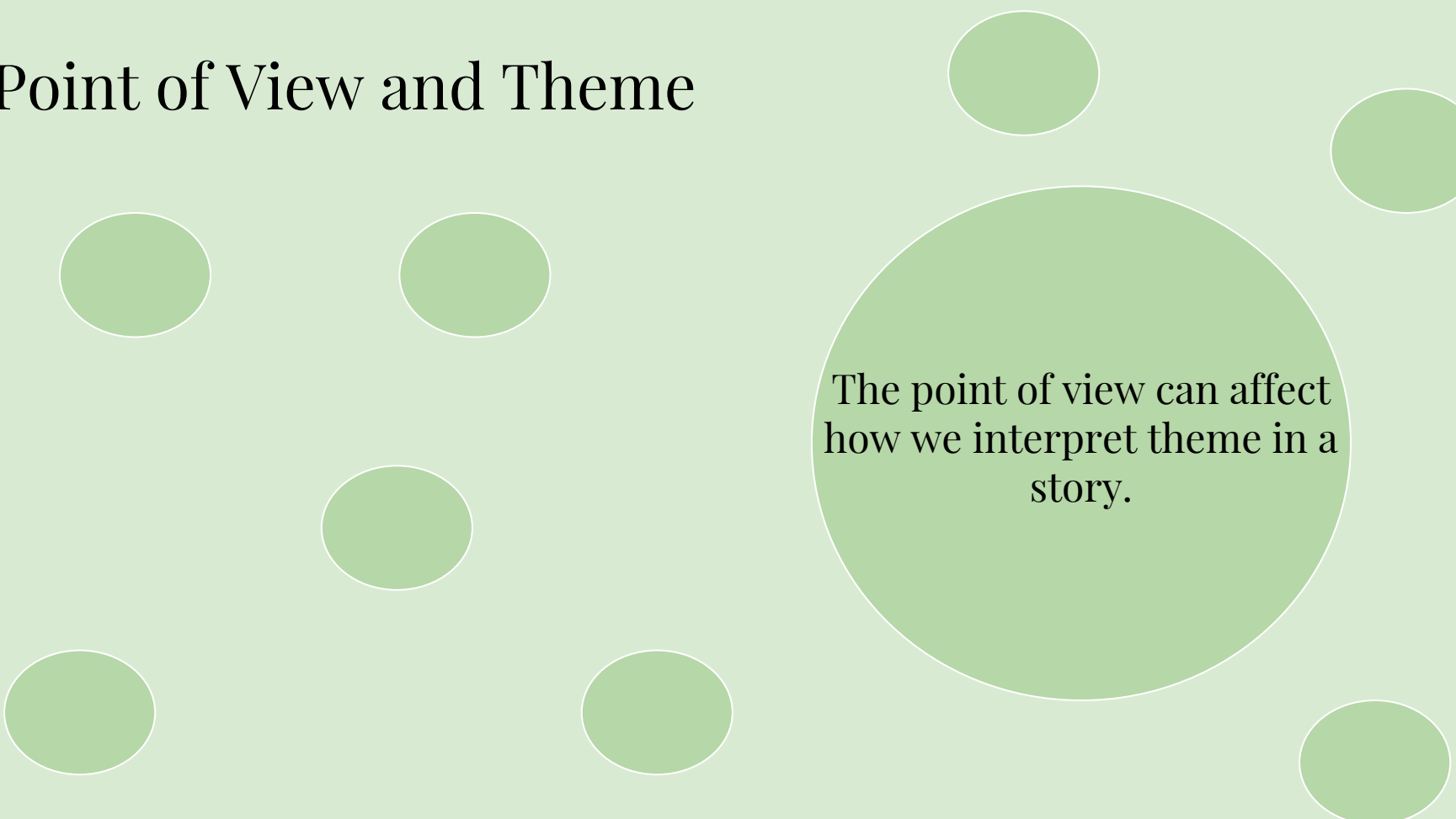
“Connie wished her mother was dead and she herself was dead.”

“She was hollow with what had been fear but what was now just an emptiness.”

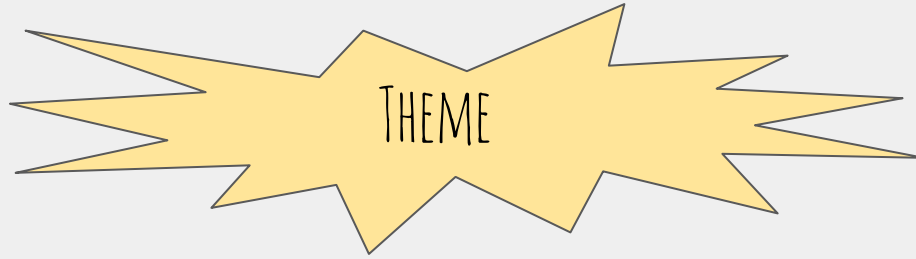
“She watched this smile come, awkward as if he were smiling from inside a mask.”

Third person limited point of view

Point of View and Theme



The point of view can affect
how we interpret theme in a
story.



DEFINITION: THE THEME OF A PIECE OF FICTION IS ITS CONTROLLING IDEA OR ITS CENTRAL INSIGHT

SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN AND HOW DO I FIND IT?

- CENTRAL PURPOSE
- WHAT DOES THIS STORY REVEAL?

Everyday Use, by Alice Walker

Theme: Sometimes people don't accept who they are, and try to create new cultures for themselves.



Used to add
meaning to the
story



Affects the mood
and central
purpose.



"No, Mama," she says. "Not 'Dee,'
Wangero Leewanika Kemanjo!"



Why is
theme
important?

- Without a theme, stories would have no meaning

The Importance of All Elements of Fiction

In order to have a good story, all the elements of fiction are needed.

