Narrator's Perspective

Point of View

Narrator

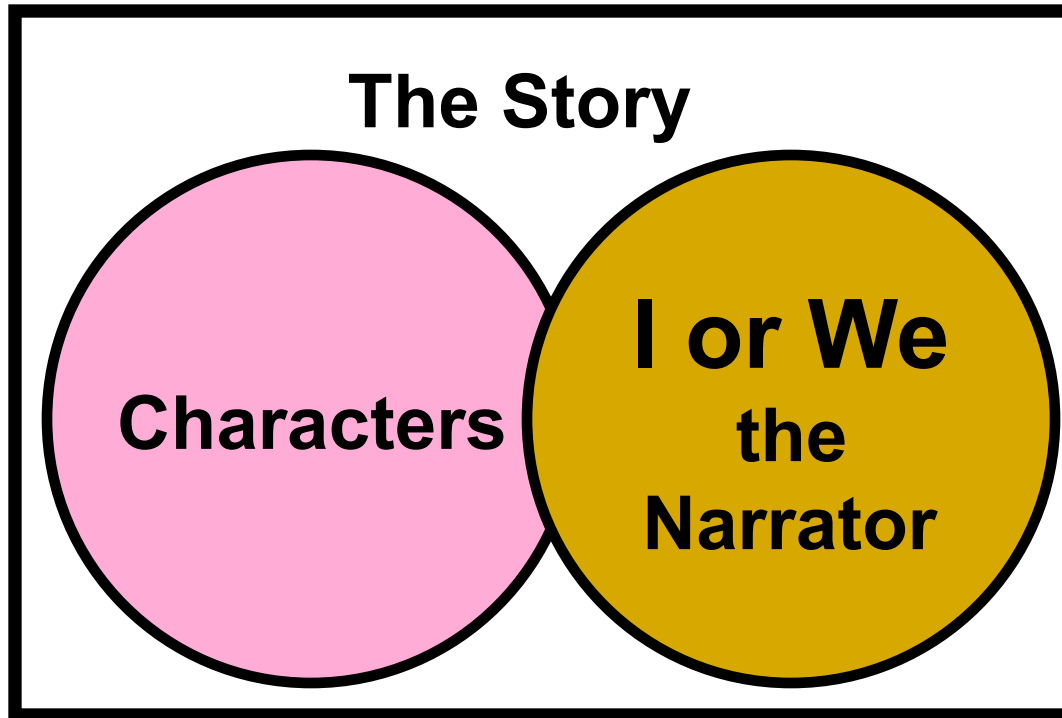The one who tells the **story**

Characters

Everyone else in the **story**

What's the **narrator's position** in the story?

Or, what is the **narrator's POINT OF VIEW**.

First-Person Narration

The Story

Characters

I or We
the
Narrator

The narrator is involved in the story.

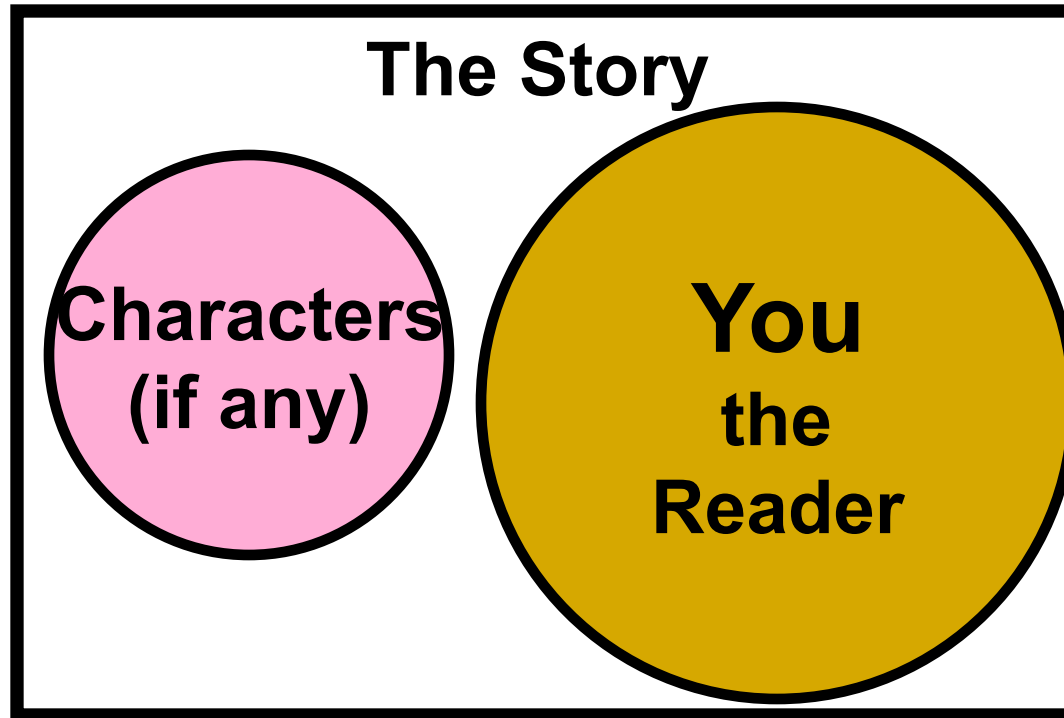**First**-Person tells "me" or "my" story.

Example

*I went to the store with my friend. The clerk said, "Hi." **We** bought candy and left.*

Who is telling the story?

In **First**-Person the narrator is **"I" or "we."**

Second-Person Narration

The reader's actions are narrated.

Second-Person tells "your" story.
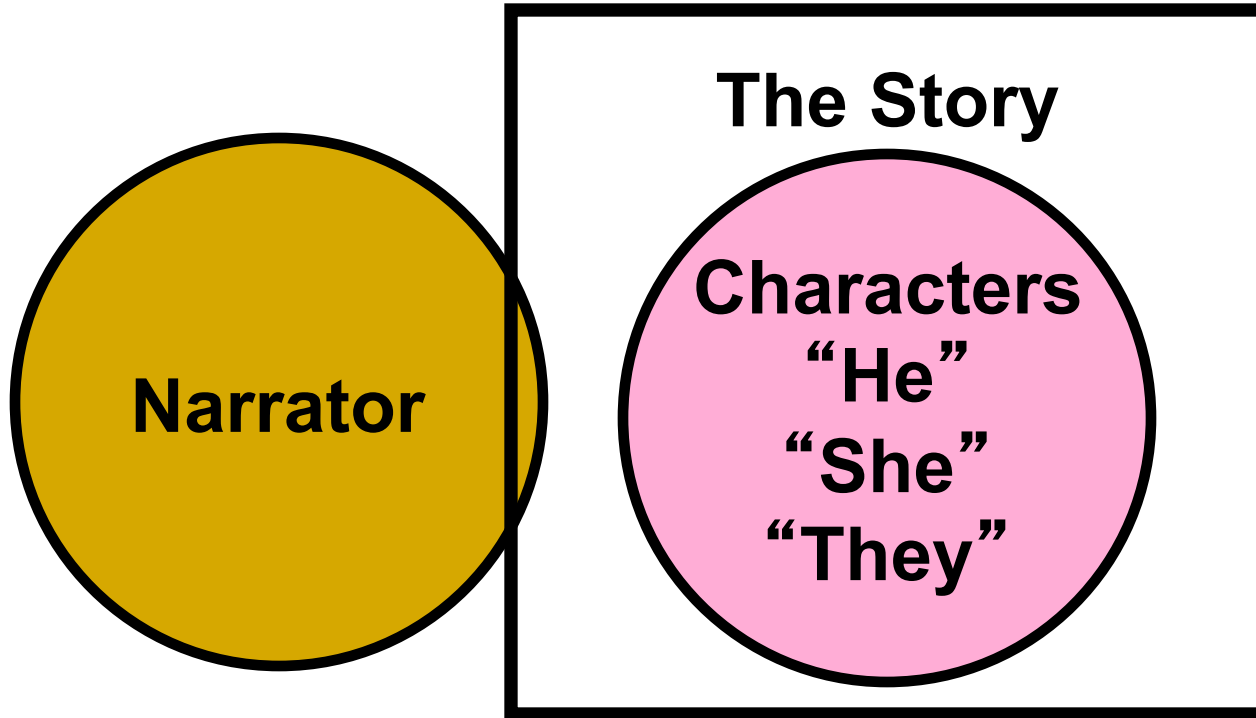
Example

You *stayed up late last night and now* *you're* *tired, but* *you* *need to pass this class.*

From whose perspective is the story told?

In **Second-Person** the perspective of "**you**" is narrated.

It is mainly used for instruction or directions

Third-Person Narration

Narrator

The Story

**Characters
"He"
"She"
"They"**

The narrator is outside of the story.

Third-Person **tells "his" or "her" story.**
Also will refer to characters by name

Example

Chris loved basketball. Everyday he played after school. When it got dark, he watched it on TV.

From whose perspective is the story told?

In **Third**-Person the perspective of "**he**" or "**she**" is narrated.

Dialogue & Narration

Dialogue = When characters speak.

Narration = When the narrator speaks.

I went home. My mom said, "Did you get out early?" I said, "No."

ONLY LOOK AT THE NARRATION,
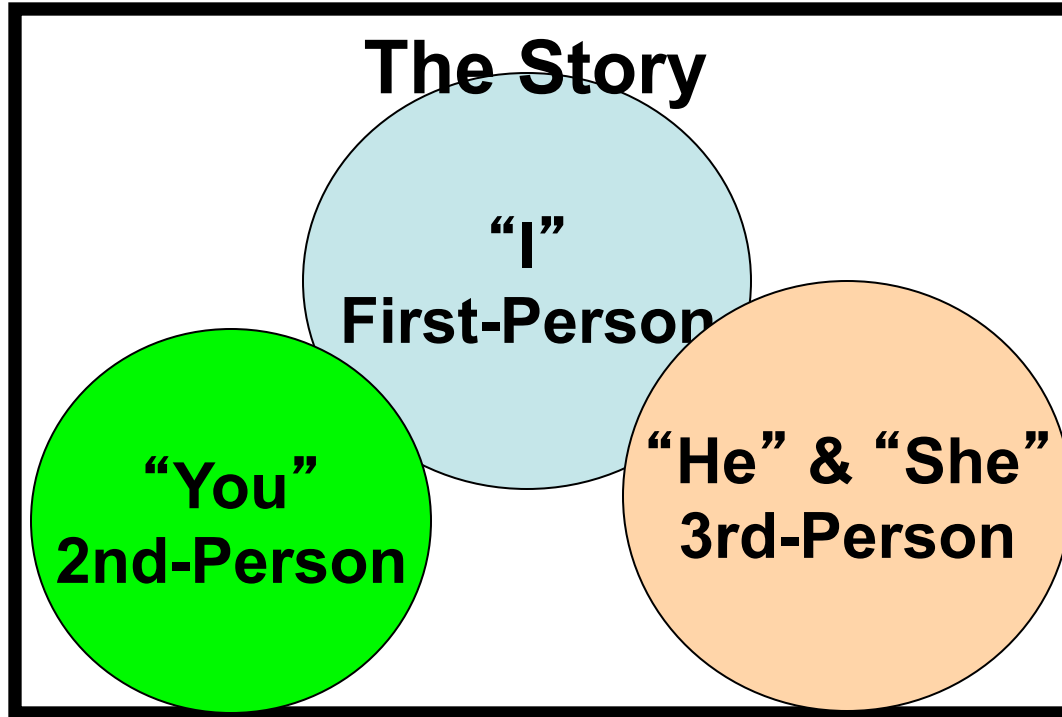Or you'll get confused.

Review

1st Person = Narrator tells the story of "I"

2nd Person = Narrator tells the story of "you"

3rd Person = Tells the story of "he" or "she"

Remember!

The Story

"I"
First-Person

"You"
2nd-Person

"He" & "She"
3rd-Person

"**I**" am the **first-person** in the story.
"**You**" are the **second-person**.
"**He**" and "**she**" are the **third**.

Practice

Play Rags to Riches to review POV!

Remember:

- **3RD Limited focuses one <u>one character</u>**
- **3rd Omniscient focuses on more than one character**