

Propp's Character Archetype examples and descriptions

Villain

Lord Voldemort from "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling. **Role**: Voldemort seeks power and immortality, posing a constant threat to the protagonist and the wizarding world.

Donor

Aslan from "The Chronicles of Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis. **Role**: Aslan provides guidance, wisdom, and sometimes magical assistance to the Pevensie siblings and other characters in their quests.

Helper

Samwise Gamgee from "The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien. **Role**: Sam is a loyal companion who supports and assists Frodo Baggins on his journey to destroy the One Ring.

Princess

Hermione Granger from "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling. **Role**: Though not a traditional princess, Hermione often plays a key role in solving problems and aiding Harry, sometimes needing protection or rescue due to the dangers they face.

Her Father

King Arthur from Arthurian legends. **Role**: In many tales, King Arthur serves as a father figure or actual father to various characters, providing guidance, wisdom, and authority.

Dispatcher

Gandalf from "The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien. **Role**: Gandalf initiates the quest to destroy the One Ring and provides missions and guidance to the members of the Fellowship.

Hero

Harry Potter from "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling. **Role**: Harry is the central character who undertakes the main quest to defeat Voldemort and restore peace to the wizarding world.

False Hero

Gilderoy Lockhart from "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" by J.K. Rowling. **Role**: Lockhart portrays himself as a brave and accomplished wizard but is revealed to be a fraud who takes credit for others' achievements.

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