

Point of View

Name: _____

ELA 6: P _____

SAVE THESE NOTES: These terms will be on Part 1 of the final exam in June.

point of view	The _____ from which the story is told. Who is telling the story? Is it a character or someone outside the story?
narrator	The _____ or _____ who is actually telling the story, filling in background information or gaps in dialogue.
first person point of view	A _____ is telling the story. (I, we, me)
second person point of view	The narrator is talking to the reader (you). The narrator uses the word " _____ " in the story. (I, me & YOU)
third person point of view	A character does NOT tell the story. Someone from _____ the story is telling it. (he, she, they).

Directions: Read the excerpts. Write the letter of the term next to the matching point of view. Underline the text detail that reveals the point of view.

A. first person

B. second person

C. third person

1. _____ My name is Owen Birnbaum, and I'm probably fatter than you are. This isn't my low self-esteem talking. This is pure statistics. (*Slob* by Ellen Potter)
2. _____ The day after my mother died, the priest and I wrapped her body in a gray shroud and carried her to the village church. Our burden was not great. (*Crispen* by Avi)
3. _____ Cole Matthews knelt defiantly at the bow of the aluminum skiff as he faced forward into a cold September wind. Worn steel handcuffs bit at his wrists each time the small craft slapped into another wave. (*Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson)