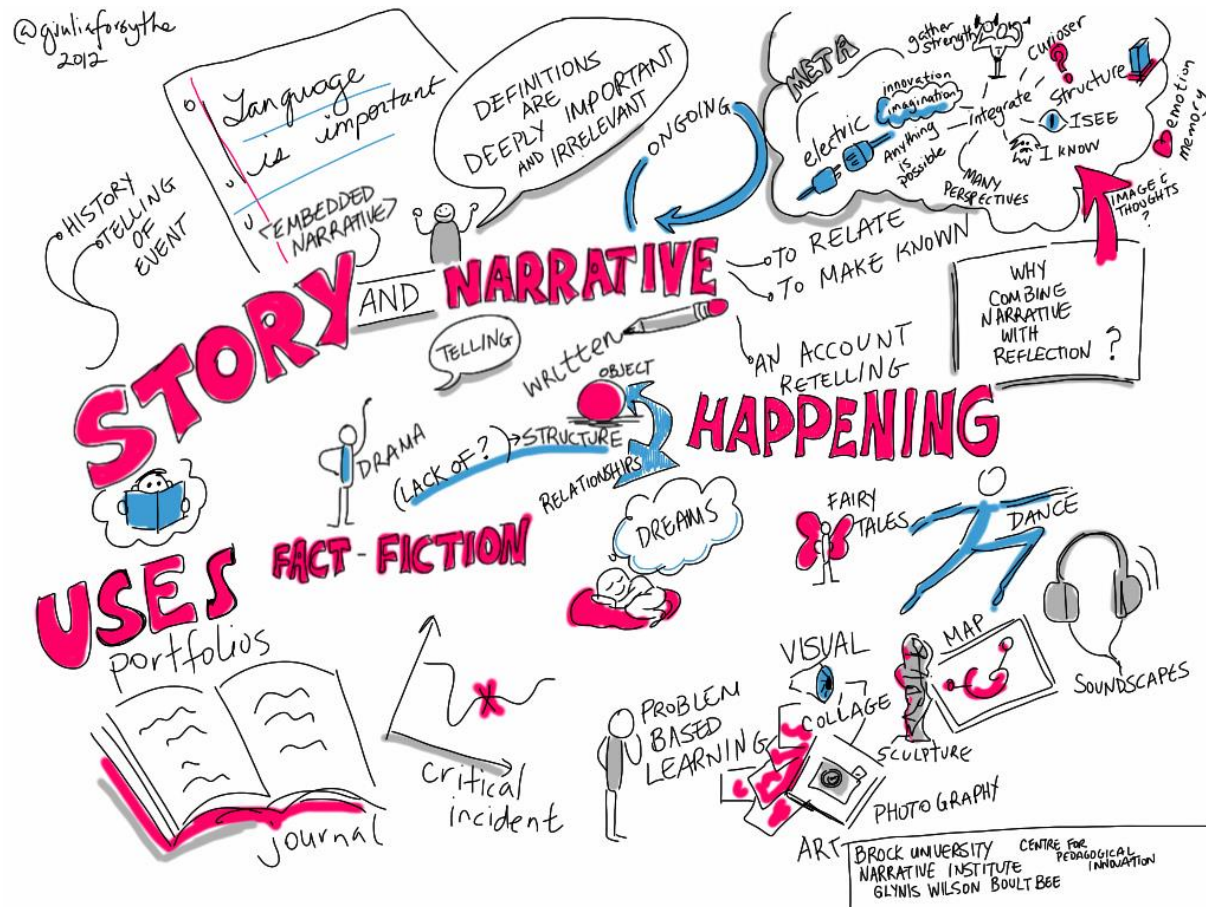
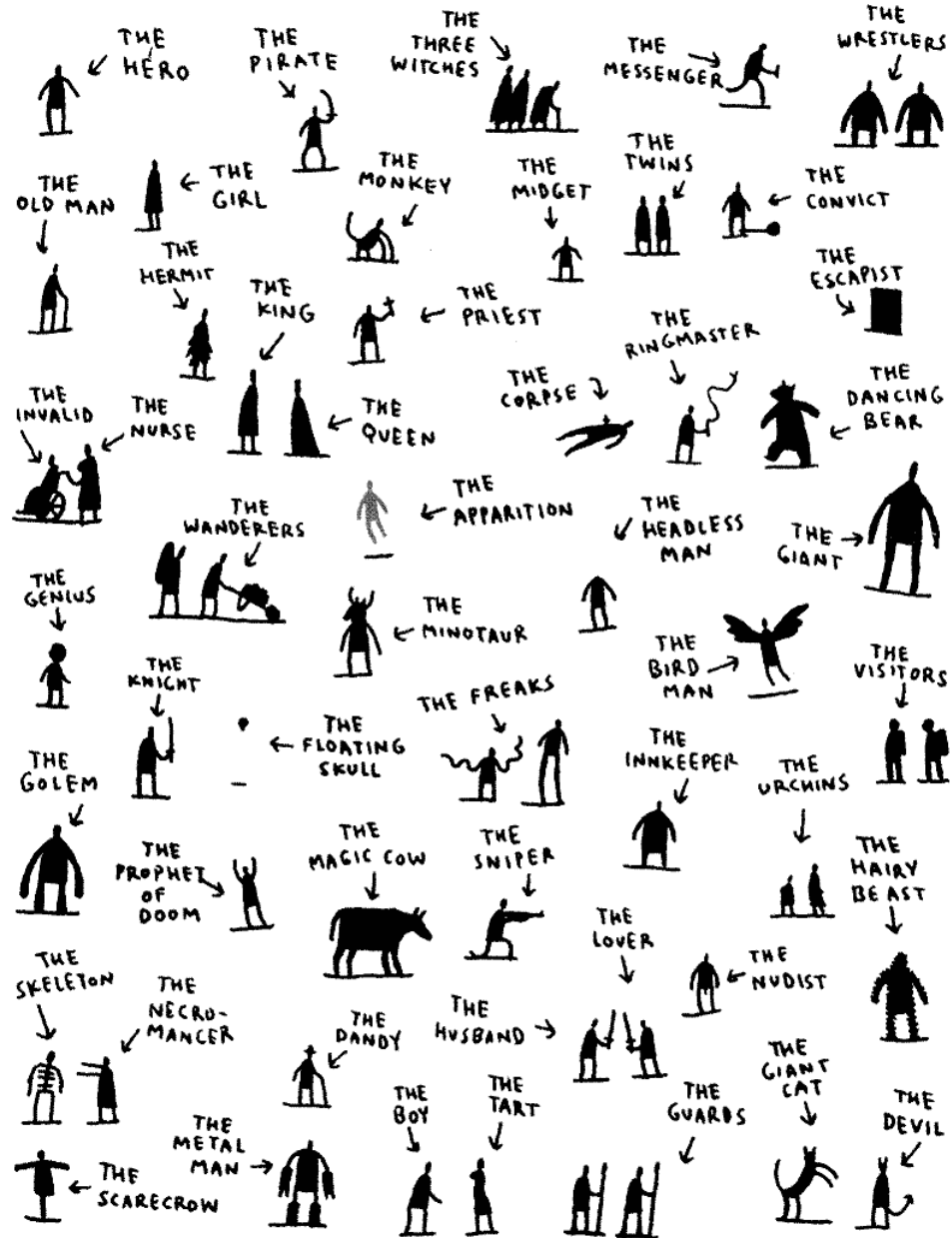


# NARRATIVE TEXTS: The Fairy Tale



Do you think that narrative texts can only be written?

## CHARACTERS FOR AN EPIC TALE



# What is a narrative text?

- A narrative text **tells a story.**
- Narrative is **the most universal genre** because all cultures have story telling traditions.
- The **novel** is the **most common** narrative text, but not the only one.



# Basic structure of narratives: the Universals

- **Abstract:** the title of the story.
- **Orientation:**
  - **Time:** when?
  - **Place:** where?
  - **Character:** who?



# Basic structure of narratives: the Universals

- **Complication:** there's a goal to achieve but *a problem*.
- **Resolution:** the goal is achieved (sometimes not).
- **Coda:** moral of the story.

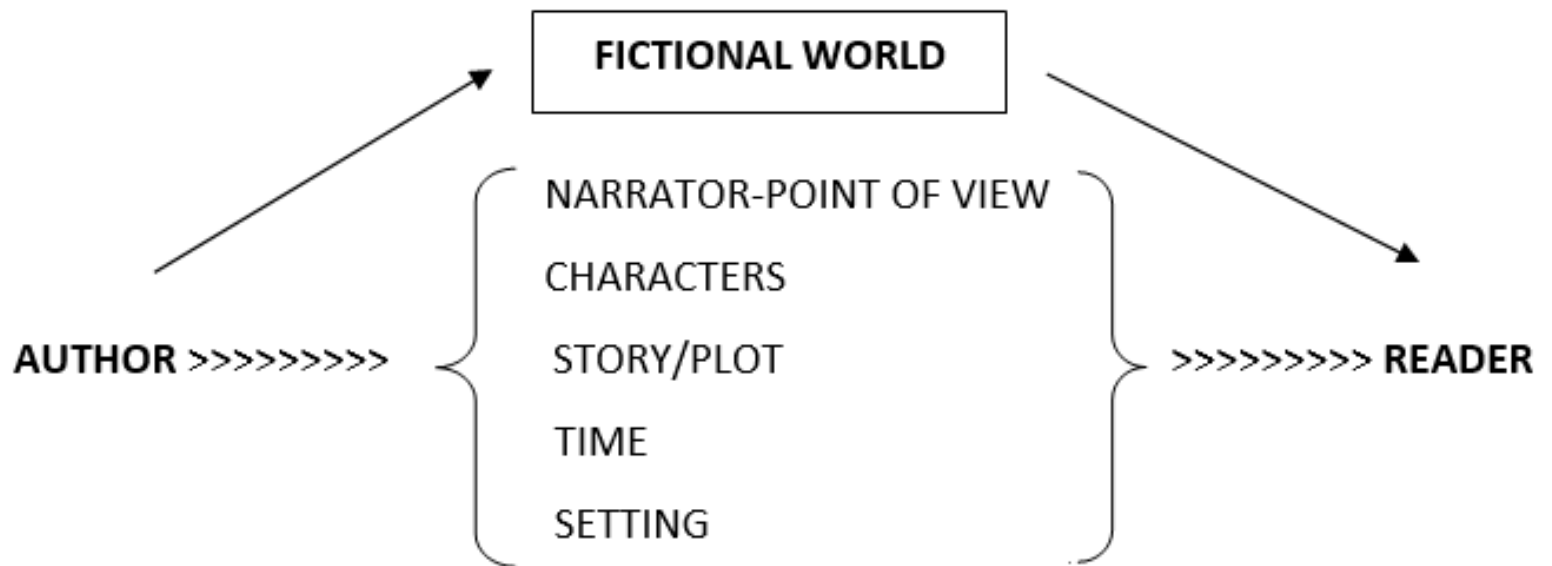


# Elements of a narrative text

- **Narrative texts** from different storytelling traditions share some **common elements**.

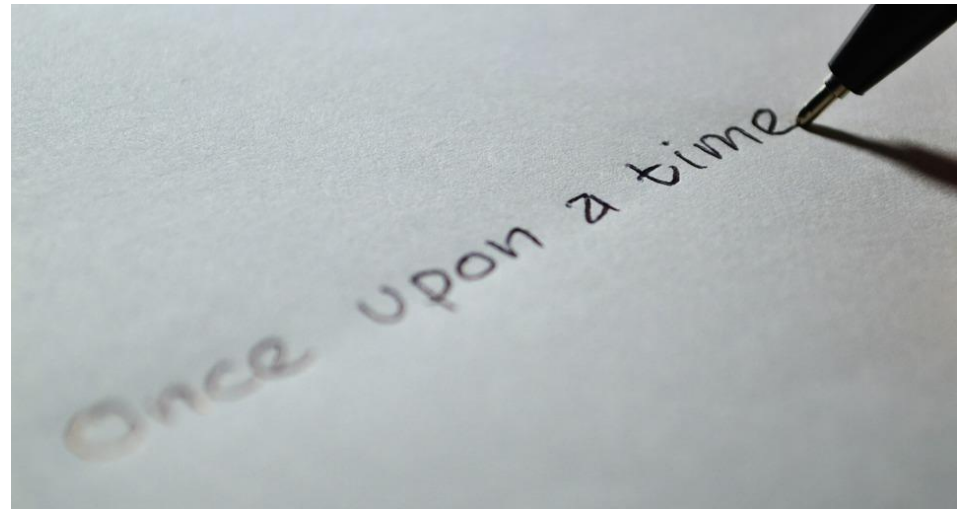


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- **Author:**  
physical, real  
person who  
**writes the**  
**story**  
(sometimes  
anonymous).





# Elements of a narrative text

- **Narrator - point of view (pov):** the speaking voice inside the story.
  - ***Omniscient:*** knows everything. Uses 3rd person.
  - ***Limited:***
    - 1st person: tells his/her story.
    - 3rd person: observes from outside
  - ***Combined:*** more than one pov and narrator.

# Elements of a narrative text

- **Characters:** who appears in the story.
- **Round:** real people, they are developed through the narration.
- **Flat:** they represent a kind of personality (stereotypes).

# Elements of a narrative text

- **Plot / story:** a series of events organised chronologically or in a cause-effect pattern. Sometimes, the narrative order can be altered.
- **Time:**
  - **Order:** when does the narration start?
  - **Duration:** do they describe everything, omit or summarise?
  - **Frequency:** how often does it happen?

# Elements of a narrative text

- **Setting:** where is the story set? Does it influence the characters?
- **Reader / Listener:** writer sometimes adapt the story depending on the possible reader / listener.

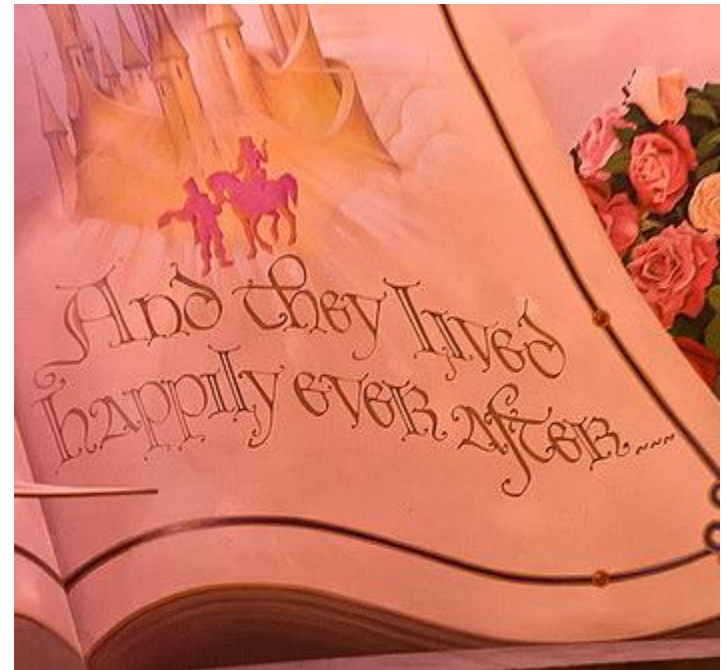




# THE FAIRY TALE

# Elements of the fairy tale

- **Special beginning and/or ending:**
  - *Once upon a time...*
  - *...and they lived happily ever after.*
- **Good Character**
- **Evil character**
- **Royalty**



# Elements of the fairy tale



- **Poverty**
- **Magic & enchantment**
- **Reoccurring patterns:** same things, numbers, phrases or tasks that appear through the story.
- **Universal truth**

# Some common motifs

- **Talking animals / objects**
- **Cleverness / trickster / word games**
- **Human weakness vs. Human strength**
- **Magic words / phrases**
- **Guardians** (protectors, guides, helpers...)
- **Monsters** (dragons, ogres, evil creatures...)
- **Good vs evil**
- **Young vs. Old** (sometimes rivalry)
- **Quests**
- **Keys, passes, doors...**
- **Sleep**



**THE END**