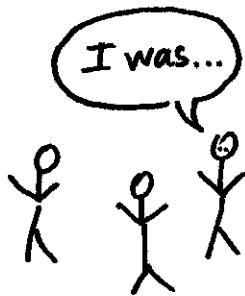
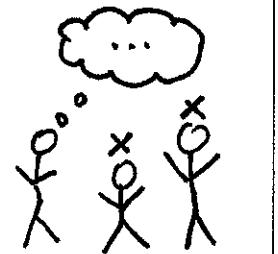


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### Narrative Modes

|              | first-person   | second-person  | third-person limited   | third-person omniscient  |
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| illustration |   |   | <br>Once upon a time...  | <br>Once upon a time...   |
| definition   | The narrator is a character in the story telling about their experiences using "I." The narrator is often the protagonist.   | The narrator is outside the story telling the character what to do using "you."  | The narrator is outside the story telling about characters using he/she. The narrator can see into the thoughts and feelings of one character (often the protagonist).   | The narrator is outside the story telling about characters using he/she. The narrator can see into the thoughts and feelings of all the characters.  |
| purpose      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the reader feels more connected to the narrator</li> <li>- the reader has a limited amount of knowledge (limited to what the character knows)</li> <li>- the narrator could be a liar or crazy, making him an <b>unreliable narrator</b> (like in a Poe story)</li> <li>- the reader sees the story with the narrator's biases</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- makes the reader a character in the story (more engaging?)</li> <li>- sounds demanding, even insane</li> <li>- often used for cookbooks, directions, self-help books, video games, choose-your-own-adventure stories</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- third-person limited differs from first-person because the narrator can give more information about the setting and events that occur when the protagonist is away</li> <li>- leaves other characters' motivations mysterious</li> <li>- creates a link between the reader and the character</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- there are no secrets because all of the characters' intentions are revealed by the narrator</li> <li>- creates a sense of dramatic irony since the reader knows the characters' plans, but other characters do not</li> </ul> |