

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Antagonist**



# Types of Antagonists

**DIRECTIONS:** There are four main types of antagonists. Read the description of each type. Then identify an example of each type from stories you know well.

Type of Antagonist	Description	My Example
<b>villain</b>	A villain typically works against the protagonist. A villain is not necessarily a main character in a story; however, they are the main source of conflict for the protagonist, even if a lot of that conflict doesn't happen "on stage."	
<b>conflict-creator</b>	An antagonist can simply be an individual whose goals are in direct conflict with the protagonist's goals without necessarily being a villain.	
<b>force of nature</b>	Sometimes the antagonist in a story isn't a human (or even an animal) at all. Forces of nature, like the sea, or a harsh climate, can also be antagonists.	
<b>protagonist</b>	Sometimes the protagonist is their own antagonist. For example, sometimes a protagonist is fighting inner demons from their past or character flaws that are standing between them and their goals.	

