

Name _____ **Antagonist**



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The most compelling antagonists are complex characters with interesting backstories that explain why they behave the way they do and make them more believable and relatable for the readers. A good antagonist should be a good match for the protagonist – with a similar level of intelligence, strength, creativity, etc. When that antagonist presents a real challenge to the protagonist, the stakes of the story are higher and the reader is more engaged.

DIRECTIONS: Answer the questions as a way to brainstorm how to further develop the antagonist in your story.

1. Who is your antagonist? _____

2. What is their backstory? _____

3. What good traits does your antagonist have? _____

4. How is power evenly balanced between your protagonist and your antagonist?
