

***Because of Winn-Dixie* Novel Unit**

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The highlighted chapters are yours free.

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Chapter 5

Point of View

Point of view is the relationship of the narrator (or storyteller) to the story.

- In a story with first person point of view, the story is told by one of the characters, referred to as "I".
- In a story with a limited third-person point of view, an unseen narrator is telling the story, and this narrator reveals the thoughts of only one character and refers to that character as "he" or "she".
- In a story with an omniscient point of view, an unseen narrator is telling the story, and the narrator reveals the thoughts of several characters.

Let's examine the point of view in this novel. Complete the following questions.

Who is telling the story? Is the point of view...

- First person (A character is telling the story.)
- Third-person limited (An unseen narrator, not a character, is telling the story and this narrator reveals the thoughts and feelings of only one character.)
- Third person omniscient (An unseen narrator- not a character- is telling the story and this narrator reveals the thoughts and feelings of several characters.)

Try something fun! Rewrite the story about catching the mouse from Winn-Dixie's point of view. Notice just how much point of view can change a story!

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Test 1 ~ Chapters 1-8

1. What point of view is used in this novel?
 - a. first person - Opal's point of view
 - b. first person - the preacher's point of view
 - c. third person limited to Opal
 - d. third person limited to Winn-Dixie
2. Which of the following best describes Opal's relationship with her father?
 - a. They fight all of the time.
 - b. They get along well.
 - c. Opal is jealous of the attention that her father gets from Winn Dixie.
 - d. They are always competing with one another.
3. Which of the following human-like abilities does Winn-Dixie have?
 - a. He can say "I love you."
 - b. He can shake hands.
 - c. He can smile.
 - d. He can play hide-and-seek.
4. What was Opal's first impression of Winn Dixie?
 - a. He was ugly, stinky, and she was afraid to touch him.
 - b. He was the cutest dog she had ever seen.
 - c. He was very small but very clean.
 - d. He was ugly, but she already liked him a whole lot.
5. Which of the following best describes the preacher?
 - a. lazy and selfish
 - b. sickly and weak
 - c. busy yet concerned
 - d. mean yet helpful
6. According to Opal, how are Opal and Winn Dixie alike when she first takes him home?
 - a. Both of them have matted hair.
 - b. Neither one of them likes to take baths because they both hate water.
 - c. Both of them have busy fathers.
 - d. Both of them are lonely because they are missing family members.
7. How many things does Opal ask her father to tell her about her mother?
 - a. two things
 - b. five things
 - c. ten things
 - d. as many things as he can think of

This is only a portion of the test.

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Chapter 15
Similes to Create Imagery

Imagery consists of words and phrases that appeal to readers' senses. Writers use sensory details to help readers imagine how things look, feel, smell, sound, and taste. In this chapter, Kate DiCamillo uses similes to create imagery. Use your book to look back at chapter fifteen, and notice the imagery that is created by the similes.

Find the simile on the first page of chapter fifteen.

1. What is being compared in this simile? _____
2. How does this simile help create imagery? _____

Find the simile on page 99 of chapter fifteen about Miss Franny.

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2. How does this simile help create imagery? _____

Find the simile on page 99 of chapter fifteen about Winn-Dixie.

1. What is being compared in this simile? _____
2. How does this simile help create imagery? _____

Finish the following similes to create imagery. Be original and creative, and make sure you cause the reader to see, hear, feel, or smell something in his/her mind when he/she reads them.

Some of his fur was as loose as _____

She would stop and start to shake like _____

He would sit up tall like _____, protecting her... (Do not use *tree* in this blank. It's too common. Come up with something more original!)

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