Protagonist and Antagonist

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Definition:

**Protagonist:** The leading character or one of the major characters in a drama, movie, novel, or other fictional text. Often referred to as the “good guy”. ( *not necessarily the "good")

**Antagonist:** A person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something. Often referred to as the “bad guy”. 
Purpose:

* The purpose of the protagonist: to direct the story and to give the story movement.

* The purpose of the antagonist: to create obstacles that the protagonist must overcome.
Examples of some protagonists:

- **Luke Skywalker**
  - Luke is the protagonist in *Star Wars.*

- **Bella Swan**
  - Bella is the protagonist in the *Twilight Series.*
Examples of some antagonists:

Dark Vader

* The antagonist, or “bad guy” of Star Wars.

The Volturi

* The antagonist in the Twilight Series is The Volturi.
Here is a video example of the protagonist vs. the antagonist of Star Wars.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZ_j3s5xj8I
Quiz Time:
* What is the difference between the protagonist and the antagonist?

* What is their purpose in a story?

* Does the protagonist in a story have to be “good”?

* What are two examples of an antagonist and a protagonist besides the ones we used?

