

Third Person Point of View



3rd Person point of view limited

3rd person limited point of view is a method of storytelling in which the narrator knows only the thoughts and feelings of a single character. 3rd person limited grants a writer more freedom than 1st person, but less than 3rd person omniscient.

This Anselmo had been a good guide and he could travel wonderfully in the mountains. Robert Jordan could walk well enough himself and he knew from following him since before daylight that the old man could walk him to death. Robert Jordan trusted the man, Anselmo, so far, in everything except judgment. He had not yet had an opportunity to test his judgment, and, anyway, the judgment was his own responsibility.

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Robert Jordan's thoughts will be shared throughout the story. It's his reactions and his interpretations of events that the reader will understand and follow.

3rd person point of view omniscient

3rd person omniscient is a method of storytelling in which the narrator knows the thoughts and feelings of all of the characters in the story, as opposed to 3rd person limited, which gives only one character's perspective.

All the same, he's a good man, truthful, kind and remarkable in his sphere," Anna said to herself, going back to her room, as if defending him before someone who was accusing him and saying that it was impossible to love him. "But why do his ears stick out so oddly? Did he have to have his hair cut?"..... The house was big, old, and Levin, though he lived alone, heated and occupied all of it. He knew that it was even wrong and contrary to his new plans, but this house was a whole world for Levin. It was the world in which his father and mother had lived and died. They had lived a life which for Levin seemed the ideal of all perfection and which he dreamed of renewing with his wife, with his family.

Through 3rd person omniscient, a writer may bring to life an entire world of characters. For instance, Anna Karenina is told from multiple points of view. Some sections are told from Anna's point of view, but many other points of view are given equal importance.