

ANTAGONIST

Antagonist is a major character in a drama who is in opposition to the hero or protagonist. In Melville's "Billy Budd" the antagonist is Claggart. Antagonist is not necessarily a villain but one who opposes the action of the hero. In "Riders to the Sea", the sea is the antagonist because sea is opposed to the wishes and prayers of Maurya. In "Othello" Iago is antagonist to the Moor. In "Edward 11" the barons are antagonist to Edward. In "Macbeth", the hero is both the Protagonist and Antagonist.

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