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Choose Proper Point of View

An author's choice of **point of view**, or the perspective from which a story is told, has an enormous impact on how readers experience and interpret the story's events. In "Duty" Berkman retells the last scene from *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet* through Lady Capulet's eyes. The chart shows how a shift in perspective can affect a reader's interpretation of a story.

Read the following excerpts and answer the questions.

Excerpt A:

I couldn't believe my luck when I found the old map tucked inside the library book. My hands trembled as I unfolded it, revealing faded lines that seemed to lead to the abandoned Wellington estate. I had heard stories about hidden treasures there since I was a child. Now, with this map in my possession, I felt certain I could discover the truth. I slipped the map into my backpack and hurried home, my mind racing with possibilities.

Excerpt B:

Marcus couldn't believe his luck when he found the old map tucked inside the library book. His hands trembled as he unfolded it, revealing faded lines that seemed to lead to the abandoned Wellington estate. He had heard stories about hidden treasures there since he was a child. Now,

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with this map in his possession, he felt certain he could discover the truth. He slipped the map into his backpack and hurried home, his mind racing with possibilities.

Excerpt C:

The boy found an old map in the library book. He looked at it carefully. The map showed the way to the Wellington estate. People said there was treasure hidden there. The boy took the map home with him. He wanted to find the treasure. He thought about what might be hidden at the estate. Perhaps he would discover something valuable there.

1. What point of view is used in Excerpt A?

2. What point of view is used in Excerpt B?

3. How does the point of view affect the reader's connection to the main character in each excerpt?

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1. What point of view is used in Excerpt A?

First-person point of view, using "I" and "my" to tell the story.

2. What point of view is used in Excerpt B?

Third-person limited point of view, focused on Marcus's thoughts and experiences.

3. How does the point of view affect the reader's connection to the main character in each excerpt?

First-person creates intimacy, third-person limited allows closeness while maintaining distance, third-person objective creates emotional distance.