

9.5 Details, diction, and syntax reveal perspective

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KEY WORDS changing narrator 变化的叙述者

Objective

Build the skills to explain a **changing narrator** 变化的叙述者.

You must be able to:

- state what multiple perspectives contribute
- state the CED's claim about a narrator changing
- state what changes in perspective may contribute to
- explain how a changing narrator produces irony

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Multiple perspectives

Multiple, and even contrasting, perspectives can occur within a single text and contribute to the complexity of the text.

■ A changing narrator

A narrator or speaker may change over the course of a text as a result of actions and interactions. The teller is not exempt from the story.

■ What changes contribute

Changes and inconsistencies in a narrator's or speaker's perspective may contribute to irony or the complexity of the text.

■ Producing irony

When a narrator's later perspective exposes the limitations of their earlier one, the earlier passages acquire a second meaning the narrator did not intend — which is 8.2's inconsistency between statement and established expectation.

2 Practice

2.1 State what multiple perspectives contribute. [2]

2.2 State the CED's claim about a narrator changing. [2]

2.3 A changing narrator can produce irony.

(a) Explain how. [2]

(b) State what changes and inconsistencies may contribute to. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A narrator may change as a result of [1]

A	B
C	D

A actions and interactions

B the page count

C the publisher

D nothing

3.2 Changes in a narrator's perspective may contribute to irony or [1]

A	B
C	D

A the complexity of the text

B the length

C the genre

D the title

3.3 A narrator's final chapter shows the earlier chapters were self-serving.

(a) State what the earlier chapters now carry. [1]

(b) Explain the effect on a rereading. [2]
