**Character Archetypes in Poetry**

These are models of characteristics on which fiction characters are founded. Which one are you? Which ones fit the people you know?

* **The Bully** - Intimidates others
* **The Creature of Nightmare** - Threatens the hero's life
* **The Damsel in Distress**- The hero rescues her
* **The Devil Figure** - Tempts the hero
* **Dreamer** - Wants to be something else
* **The Evil Genius** - Seeks revenge and hates all
* **Friendly Beast** - Assists the hero
* **The Hero** - Main character who may fulfill a task or bring justice
* **The Initiates** - Need training to become heroes
* **Martyr** - Willing to die for a cause
* **Mentors** - Train and counsel the initiates
* **The Outcast** - Exiled for a crime and becomes a wanderer
* **The Star-Crossed Lovers** - The pair usually meet tragedy
* **Survivor** - Never gives up and always pulls through
* **The Temptress** - A beautiful woman who seduces the hero
* **Tyrant**- Wants to be in charge
* **Wizard**- Has special powers

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**Lover:** character guided by emotion and passion of the heart

[**Hero**](https://literarydevices.net/hero/)**:** protagonist that rises to a challenge

**Outlaw:** character that is rebellious or outside societal conventions or demands

**Magician:** powerful character that understands and uses universal forces

**Explorer:** character that is driven to explore the unknown and beyond boundaries

**Sage:** character with wisdom, knowledge, or mentor qualities

**Creator:**visionary character that creates something significant

**Innocent:**“pure” character in terms of morality or intentions

**Caregiver:**supportive character that often sacrifices for others

**Jester:**[Character](https://literarydevices.net/character/) that provides [humor](https://literarydevices.net/humor/) and [comic relief](https://literarydevices.net/comic-relief/) with occasional wisdom

**Everyman:**[Character](https://literarydevices.net/character/) recognized as average, relatable, found in everyday life

**Ruler:**[Character](https://literarydevices.net/character/) with [power](https://literarydevices.net/power/) of others, whether in terms of law or emotion

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