

Writing to Learn: Dialectical Journal

Character Development and the Protagonist of a Novel

Title: [Lion King](#)

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Copyright Date: [1994](#)

Note: The copyright date can help you figure out what was going on in the world when this was written. This kind of historical information is one way of understanding the author's point of view. It is important to understand the author's point of view before you can write your opinion narrative.

What was going on in the world? ... what was going on in the author's life?

World News:

1. [Nelson Mandela President of South Africa](#), 2. [NATO Shoots Down Serb Plane](#), 3. [Civil War in Chechnya](#), 4. [Republicans Win Control of Congress](#)

Sports

NBA: [Houston Rockets vs. New York Knicks Series: 4-3](#) NCAA Football: [Nebraska Record: 13-0-0](#) Heisman Trophy: [Rashaan Salaam, Colorado](#), RB points: [1,743](#) Stanley Cup: [New York Rangers vs. Vancouver Canucks Series: 4-3](#) Super Bowl XXVIII: [Dallas Cowboys vs. Buffalo Bills Score: 30-13](#) World Series: [Not Held](#)

Popular Music

1. ["All For Love" ... Bryan Adams/Rod Stewart/Sting](#) 2. ["The Power of Love" ... Celine Dion](#) 3. ["The Sign" ... Ace of Base](#) 4. ["Bump N' Grind" ... R. Kelly](#) 5. ["I Swear" ... All-4-One](#) 6. ["Stay" ... Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories](#) 7. ["I'll Make Love to You" ... Boyz II Men](#) 8. ["On Bended Knee" ... Boyz II Men](#) 9. ["Here Comes the Hot Stepper" ... Ini Kamazoe](#)

Male Vocalist: [Elton John](#) ... ["Can You Feel the Love Tonight"](#)

Popular Movies

1. [The Lion King](#) 2. [Forrest Gump](#) 3. [True Lies](#) 4. [The Santa Clause](#) 5. [The Flintstones](#) 6. [Clear and Present Danger](#) 7. [Speed](#) 8. [The Mask](#) 9. [Mrs. Doubtfire](#) 10. [Maverick](#)

Genre: [Fiction](#) → [Traditional Literature](#) → [Myth](#)

Note: Genre is one way of understanding the point of view with which the author writes. Why?

Topic: [a young person growing up, and humanity growing up](#)

Themes: [The Circle of Life](#)
[Life is a Delicate Balance, and/or The Delicate Balances on this Earth](#)
[Finding Your Place "on the path unwinding"](#)