

5 Types of Antagonist in Fiction



1. The Malevolent Villain

A villain motivated by malice, hunger for power or other negative impulses.



2. The Ally-Antagonist

Friend or ally who betrays or makes bad choice, becoming an opponent.



3. The Interfering Authority

Uses or abuses authority to impede a character's progress towards goals.



4. The Force of Nature

An opponent that creates challenges or conflict without any motivation.



5. The Inner Saboteur

Internal opposition (e.g. addiction). Character is their own main adversary.