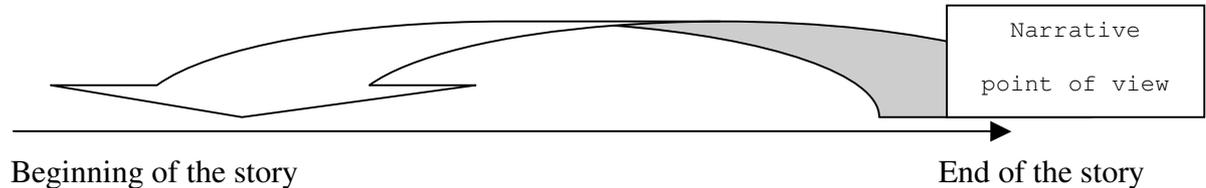


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Group work (p. 185 – 190)

Make a model of the narrative point of view



2. Characterize the following persons:

a) The members of the family (Olive, Sarah Ann (= the narrator), the father, the mother.

What family roles do the single members of the family play?

b) The "outsiders"

I) local people

II) "You" (=the readers?)

3. What ideals and attitudes prevail in this family?

4. What kinds of love do we hear about?

5. In what ways does Olive begin to rebel (the right word?) according to Sarah Ann

6. Characterize the way the girls' father brings them up.

7. Which of the two sisters' choice of word about the father is right (Olive "pry" / Sarah

Ann: "take an interest in") ?

8. Give examples from the text where Sarah Ann is a rather subjective narrator.

9. What would you have been told by an objective narrator in these cases?

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1. How did Olive meet the young man?
2. What made her (or him) fall for him (her)?
3. In what ways could Olive said to be ripe for this love experience (according to what Sarah Ann has already told us) ?
4. Why does Sarah Ann call Olive's affair "an unwholesome deceit" (p.192)?
5. Why did Olive tell Sarah Ann and not her father about the young man?
6. Was it because of love for her sister that Sarah Ann did not tell their father about the whole story – or could you think of another reason?
7. What image does Sarah Ann use about Olive and her boyfriend's holding hands?
Why that particular image?
Why did Olive drop the young man's hand when she caught sight of Sarah Ann?
8. Give the lower half of p. 191 a closer look. What was Sarah Ann's attitude to Mr. Dixon when she met him?
9. What differences does Sarah Ann see when she compares Mr. Dixon and her father '?
10. Give an analysis of the father's reaction to Olive's affair with Mr. Dixon .
11. The father used a word rather similar to a word Sarah Ann also used about this love affair. What word? Why this similarity?