

Topic 3: Your favorite story, film, novel, manga, etc.

Subtopics as questions:

1. Who are the main characters? (characters)
2. When does it take place? (setting)
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4. What is the genre (science fiction, fantasy, romance, comedy, children's, drama, historical, political, spy....)
5. When was it made / written? (setting of creation)
6. Who wrote it? (creators)
7. Who are the actors? (performers)
8. What is the theme? (theme)
9. What is the plot? Can you summarize the story? (plot, actions, events)
10. What is the main conflict of the story? (conflict)
11. Is there a conflict of loyalty dilemma? (conflict of loyalty)
12. Why do you like it so much? (comments, good and bad points)

What is a conflict of loyalty dilemma?

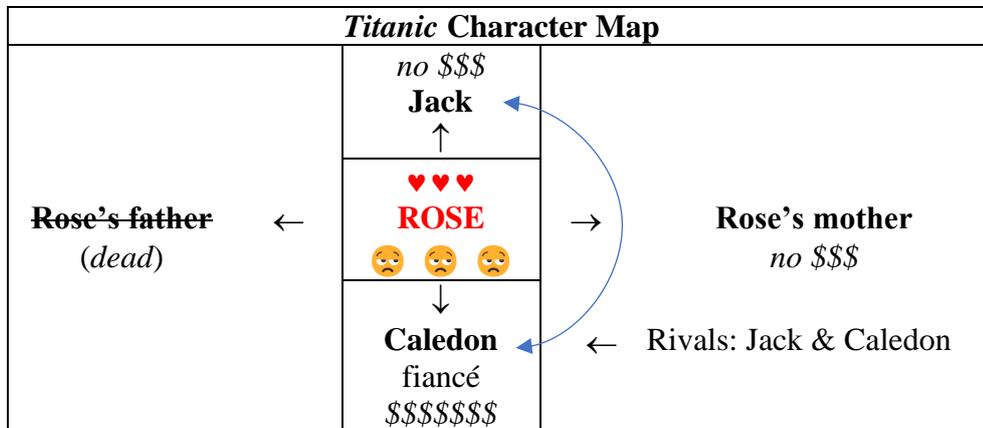
The character has a difficult choice about which people or person to be loyal to. The character is in a situation in which loyalty to one person will be betrayal of another person. For example, in a school sometimes one student causes some trouble. The troublemaker's friends know what he did, but the teacher doesn't know who did it. What should these friends do? Should they tell the teacher or keep the secret? They can be loyal to the teacher, or loyal to their friend, but they can't be loyal to both, so they must betray one or the other. In almost all stories, the characters face some kind of conflict of loyalty.

Summary of *Titanic*

directed by James Cameron

actors: Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio

release date: 1997, the most successful film of the 1990s



This story takes place on the famous ship *Titanic* which sank in the Atlantic Ocean, near Nova Scotia, on April 15, 1912. It was the largest passenger ship ever built, and it was going from Britain to New York City on its first voyage. The characters and the story are fictional, but they are in the non-fiction story of what really happened to the ship called *Titanic*.

After winning a ticket on the *Titanic* during a card game, poor American artist **Jack Dawson** met the formerly rich girl **Rose DeWitt Bukater** who was on her way to Philadelphia to marry her rich fiancé, **Caledon Hockley**. Rose did not like her situation. **Rose's father** had died recently, and her family was running out of money. **Rose's mother** was forcing Rose to marry a rich man she didn't love. Rose went to the back deck of the ship and thought of suicide, but she was rescued by Jack. Because Jack rescued Caledon's fiancé, Caledon had to show good manners and thank Jack somehow. He invited Jack to have dinner at his table in the first-class section of the ship. Rose quickly began to like Jack, and she found a way to spend time with him alone after the dinner. Soon she decided to break up with Caledon and stay with Jack after the ship's arrival in New York. Rose's mother and Caledon were angry about her change of plans, and Caledon was violently jealous. During this time, the ship hit an iceberg and began to sink. Rose survived, but Jack drowned in the ocean. Rose lived by herself without Caledon after this. In the movie, she was a very old lady telling her story to some modern explorers who were searching for valuable things from the sunken ship *Titanic*.

Titanic is also the story of over-confidence in technology. This is an example of the hubris of humanity. The *Titanic* was said to be the safest and greatest ship ever made, but it sank on its first voyage, and there were no plans for everyone to escape safely from the ship in case of an accident. One century later, in 2011, there was the famous disaster at Fukushima Dai-ichi. The disaster that happened there was supposed to be impossible, but it became the *Titanic* of the 21st century. It was a technology that was said to be "unsinkable", but like the *Titanic*, it was destroyed by the ocean. (405 words)

Titanic Route Map

