

"Hints from the Text" - Determining narrator reliability

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Story: _____

Date: _____

Checking reliability	Yes / No	Evidence from Text
<p>Inconsistent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there a mismatch between what the character says and what they do?		

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<p data-bbox="281 240 464 272">Self interest</p> <ul data-bbox="205 280 499 423" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="205 280 499 423">• Is the narrator or character too self-interested to be reliable?		

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<p>Lack of Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the narrator or character too naïve or innocent to be reliable?		

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Lack of Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="205 280 491 423">• Is the narrator or character too ignorant to be reliable?		

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<p>Emotional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is the narrator or character too emotional to be reliable?		

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<p data-bbox="306 240 443 272">Immoral</p> <ul data-bbox="201 280 543 386" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="201 280 543 386">• Is the narrator or character too immoral to be reliable? 		

*Adapted - Smith, M.W. (1991). Understanding unreliable narrators: Reading between the lines in the literature classroom. *Theory and Research into Practice*. NCTE.