

## Pronouns and Perspective

1. **Underline ALL of the pronouns** in the passages below.
2. Write whether the following passages are narrated from first, second, or third person.

**Narrator:** The person telling the story.

**Narrative Perspective:** First (I or we), second (you), or third (he, she, them, etc.) person.

Passage from A Journal of the Plague Year, by Daniel Defoe

They told innumerable dismal stories: sometimes they dropped down dead in the very markets; for many people had the Plague upon them and knew nothing of it; till the inward Gangrene had affected their Vitals and they would die in a few moments; they died frequently in that manner in the streets suddenly, without any warning: others perhaps had time to go to any door, porch and just sit down and die.

Point of View (narrative perspective): \_\_\_\_\_

Passage from The Dharma Bums, by Jack Kerouac

Both of us were feeling fine and were talking a blue streak about anything, literature, the mountains, girls, the poets, Japan, and I suddenly realized it was a kind of blessing in disguise. Then I got up and walked over the rail road bridge and just then a man saw me and said, "How would you like to earn two dollars an hour helping me move a piano?"

Point of View (narrative perspective): \_\_\_\_\_

Passage from You Won't Get Fooled Again, by Steve Reed

You're in the market for a previously enjoyed car. You locate a reputable dealership downtown and arrive to find a lot brimming with potential vehicles. A salesman approaches you. You absently place your hand on your wallet and state your preferences. He nods his head and leads you to an orange, two-door compact about five years past its "best before" date.

Point of View (narrative perspective): \_\_\_\_\_

It might very well be that literally every word in the history books, even the things one accepted without question, was pure fantasy. For all he knew there might never have been any such creature as a capitalist, or any such garment as a top hat.

Give me three examples of a subjective pronoun:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Give me three examples of an objective pronoun:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.