



antagonist: Anyone or anything that stands in the way of the protagonist. The antagonist is not always the bad guy!

exposition: The part of the play in which the playwright gives the audience the information it needs to follow the play. Most exposition occurs early in the play. The exposition includes the **inciting incident** and the **expository decision**.

expository decision: the decision of the protagonist to take action

inciting incident: During the exposition, the playwright shows the forces gathering that will cause the protagonist to see the need to set up a goal. The inciting incident is the specific incident that opens the eyes of the protagonist to the need to set up a goal.

protagonist: The main character of the play, the character around which all action revolves. Usually the protagonist is the character with a strong goal that he/she wants to attain. The protagonist is not always the good guy.