

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry: The Little Prince

Content:

The narrator of the story is a pilot who has crashed in the Sahara desert. While he is trying to fix his plane, he meets a little boy, who is the eponymous "Little Prince". The Prince is from a small asteroid, called B-612, where he lives alone with a rose that he has taken great care of. The Prince tells the pilot about his adventures traveling to different planets, each inhabited by a different person or creature.

The first planet the Prince visits is inhabited by a king who claims to rule over everything. The second planet is inhabited by a conceited man who wants everyone to admire him. The third planet is home to a drunkard who drinks to forget his shame. The fourth planet is inhabited by a businessman who is obsessed with counting the stars and owns them all. The fifth planet is home to a lamplighter who has to constantly light and extinguish his lamp because the planet rotates very quickly. The sixth planet is inhabited by a geographer who has never traveled anywhere himself, but has written extensively about other places.

The Little Prince then arrives on Earth and meets a fox who teaches him about the importance of creating relationships and seeing beyond surface appearances. The Prince eventually meets a snake who tells him that he can help him return to his asteroid, but warns him that he can also kill him. The Little Prince decides to sacrifice himself to the snake in order to return to his asteroid and take care of his beloved rose.

The pilot is heartbroken when he wakes up to find the Prince gone, but realizes that the Prince's teachings have taught him the true meaning of life and love. The story ends with the pilot fixing his plane and taking off, hoping to one day see the Little Prince again.

"The Little Prince" is a timeless story that explores the themes of loneliness, friendship, love, and the search for meaning in life.

Literary type, genre:

- Epic
- Philosophical
- Novella
- Fable
- Allegory

Theme:

- Human relationships

Motive:

- Humans have to appreciate simple things in life

Spacetime:

- Desert in North America
- Various asteroids and planets

Compositional construction:

- Chronological with retrospective elements
- Divided in 2 parts
 - Pilot's experiences
 - Little Prince's experiences

Speeches:

- Narrative speech
- Dialogue
- Monologue
- Poetic speech
- Metaphorical speech

Narrator/lyrical subject:

- Narrator (pilot) using Ich form
- Lyrical subject (Little Prince) using Er form
- The Little Prince's stories and experiences are also presented through the pilot's first-person

Main characters:

1. The Little Prince: A young boy who comes from a small planet and travels through the universe in search of meaning and connection. He is innocent and wise, with a unique perspective on life.
2. The Pilot: The narrator of the story, who crashes in the desert and meets the Little Prince during his attempts to repair his plane. He is practical and down-to-earth, but also open-minded and willing to learn from the Little Prince.
3. The Rose: A flower the Little Prince left behind on his home planet. She is vain and proud, but also vulnerable and in need of love.
4. The Fox: A wise and gentle creature who befriends the Little Prince and teaches him about the importance of love and connection.
5. The Snake: A mysterious character who appears near the end of the story and offers to help the Little Prince return to his home planet.



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