Point of View Questions

APE Literature and Composition

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1. Who tells the story? Is it a first-person or third-person narrator? Is it a major or minor character or one who does not participate in the action at all?
2. How much does the narrator know?
3. Does the point of view change at all in the story?
4. Is the narrator reliable and objective? Does the narrator appear too innocent, emotional, or self-deluded to be trusted?
5. Does the author ever directly comment on the action? Why?
6. If it were told from a different point of view, how would your response to the story change? Would anything be lost?