

## ***POINT-OF-VIEW AND PERSPECTIVE***

### **POINT-OF-VIEW**

Point-of-View (POV) is the way a story is told. There are several different ways of telling a story:

1. First-Person POV: This means a character within the story is telling us about the events of the story as they occur. The character sees them happen and narrates the story as they experience events.  
  
Uses: "I said", "I walked", "I thought" etc.
2. Third-Person POV: A narrator who is not involved with the story tells the reader what is happening. With this POV the reader is able to see what several characters are thinking, doing, and saying at the same time.  
  
Uses: "They walked", "He said", "She whispered" etc.

### **PERSPECTIVE**

Perspective means the way we see or understand something. It is based on our beliefs and values. For example, a teacher's perspective about school might be different than a student's because of the teacher's value of education. In "Into the Wild", Alexander's perspective of the world is very different than the perspective of his parents, who value money and possessions.