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What is a foil?

The foil character may be completely opposite to the protagonist, or very similar with one key difference.



The foil character is used to highlight some particular quality or qualities of the main character.

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This presentation included several examples of foils

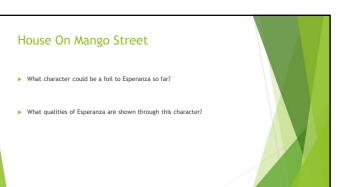
- Marlin and Dory
- Lightening McQueen and Mater
- Sherlock Holmes and John Watson

Carly and Sam
 Can you think of any examples in a book, movie, or show you enjoy?

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Watch the clip again. Then, on your notes, explain how Dory (blue fish) is a foil of Marlin (clown fish).

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVVYr0kEBig
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- How would the scene have been different if Marlin had been swallowed by the whale alone?
- What qualities in Marlin does Dory accentuate?



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