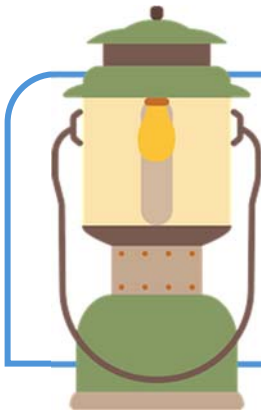


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## POV Technique Study

**Directions:** Read the excerpt. Then answer the questions about how the author's point of view shapes the theme, characterization, or suspense. Use complete sentences and text evidence.

*Elias stepped inside the abandoned station, the dim lantern trembling in his hand. He tried to steady his breath, but the shadows along the far wall shifted too quickly for him to follow. Somewhere behind him, a soft click echoed, but he forced himself not to turn. He had come here for answers, and he would not leave without them.*

1. What point of view is used in this excerpt?

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2. How does this POV influence the reader's understanding of Elias as a character?

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3. How does this POV help create suspense in the scene?

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4. Choose one element affected by the POV (theme, characterization, or suspense) and explain how the author's choice strengthens it.

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5. How might the effect change if the excerpt were written in a different point of view? Give one example.

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