

Writing

Historical Fiction Writing Tips

A. First-person vs. Third-person

A story told in the first-person is narrated by a character. A story told in the third-person is told by someone who is not a character.

Example of First-person Narration:

I decided to spit right back at the next camel that spat at me.

Example of Third-person Narration:

The girl decided she would spit right back at the next camel that spat at her.

B. Use Specific Verbs

Type three words you could use instead of *went* in the following sentence:

Omar went to his tent without talking to anyone.

Example: *marched*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. Unique Voices

Everyone has his or her own way of speaking. When you are typing dialogue for a character, think about that character's unique voice.

How might the following characters ask for a cup of tea from a merchant in the marketplace? Type what you think they might say.
