What is a FOIL in literature?
A **FOIL** is a person who is paired with another character to develop the other’s traits and personality by **CONTRAST.**
In fiction, a **FOIL** is a character who contrasts with another character (usually the protagonist) in order to **highlight** particular qualities of the other character. A **FOIL** usually differs drastically.
Definition:

A **foil character** is a minor character which has traits that are in contrast with the main character. It is used to make the traits of the main character emphasized.
HOW IS A FOIL IN MATH AND A FOIL IN LITERATURE THE SAME?

**FOIL in Literature**

What is the **FIRST** thing you first notice about the two characters?

What **OUTER** characteristic is most noticeable about the two characters?

What **INNER** characteristic is most noticeable about the two characters?

What is the **LAST** thing that you notice about the two characters?
Who is the Foil?

Usually the foil contrasts the protagonist; however, this is not always the case.

In the classic good-guy vs bad-guy scenario, both the hero and the villain can each be considered the other’s foil, in that each acts to show how the other behaves in certain situations.

Sidekicks often serve as foils. They can be something that the hero or villain himself is not. For example, if the hero or villain is hotheaded, the sidekick could be calm and practical.
Tom Boy-Girly Girl
Brains-Brawn
Cowardly sidekick
Evil Twin
Foolish Character-Wise Character

A foolish person speaks without thinking first

Stupidity
WHO IS THE FOIL IN THE OUTSIDERS?

Johnny

Dallas
WHO IS THE FOIL IN ANNE FRANK?
WHO IS THE FOIL IN TWILIGHT?
WHO IS THE FOIL TO CINDERELLA?
WHO IS THE FOIL IN THE HUNGER GAMES?

Katniss

Peeta
Romeo and Juliet
Who are their FOILS?

• Juliet (2 possibilities)

• Romeo

• Mercutio
The End