



## Benedict Arnold: The Ultimate Antagonist

An antagonist is a character in literature, a movie, or in real life who is considered the “villain.” In American history, Benedict Arnold remains one of the most infamous antagonists. In 1780, he offered to give away the Patriot military fortress at West Point, New York for a large sum of money. When his plan was discovered, he quickly swore allegiance to the British. Arnold was bitter toward the Continental Congress because he was felt he was not given the credit he deserved in several battles.

One of the most common themes in literature is good versus evil, where there is a clear antagonist and a clear protagonist (good character). In the spirit of Benedict Arnold, draw your favorite antagonist from literature below and describe how and why your antagonist is so evil.

Your Antagonists name:	How and why is your antagonist so evil?