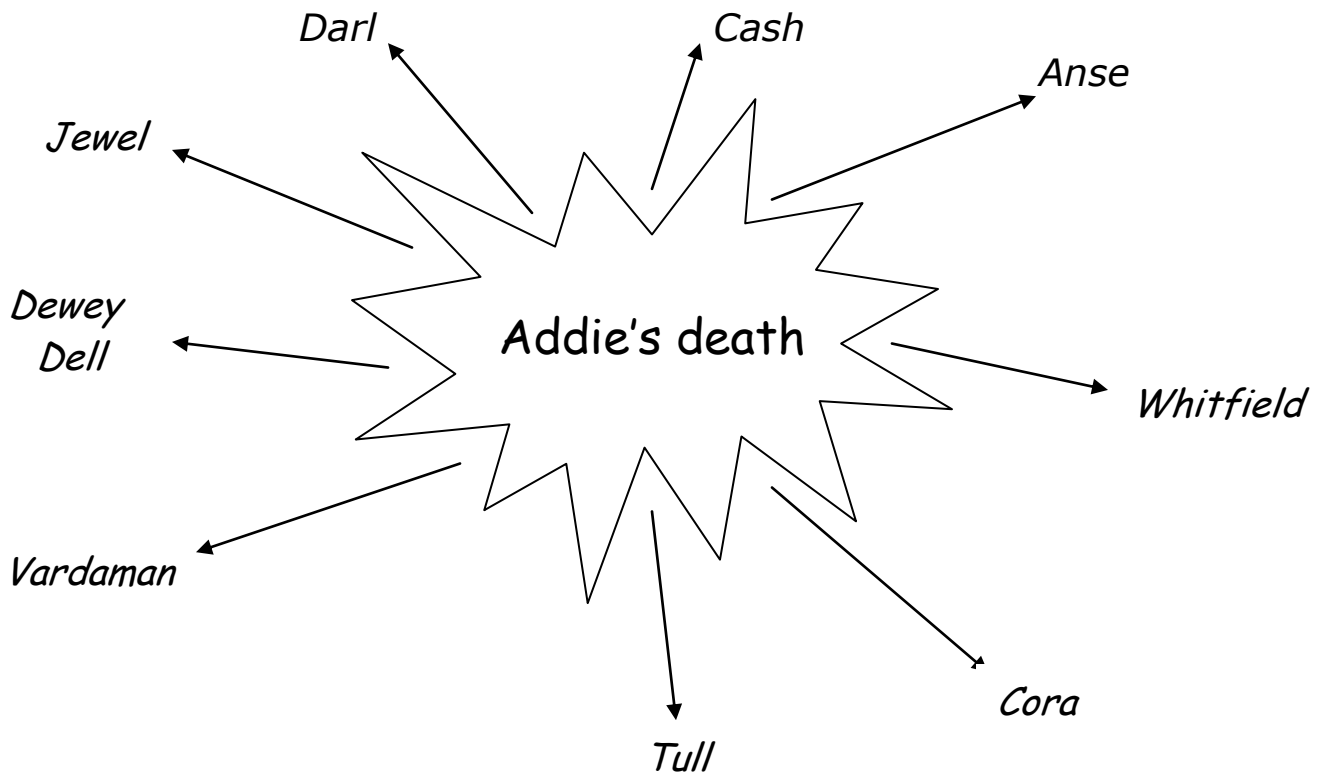


As I Lay Dying

Structure of the Novel



Chapters Narrated by Multiple Narrators

- individuals speaking in and through isolation
- unable to create meaningful relationships

Darl	19	Cash	5
Cora	3	Samson	1
Jewel	1	Addie	1
Dewey Dell	4	Whitfield	1
Tull	6	Armstid	1
Anse	3	Moseley	1
Peabody	2	MacGowan	1
Vardaman	10		

Title Allusion

Agamemnon to Odysseus (*Odyssey* Book XI)

- "As I lay dying, the woman with the dog's eyes would not close my eyes for me as I descended into Hades."

Agamemnon, king of Mycenae, led the expedition against Troy when Helen was taken by Paris. He was later killed by his wife Clytemnestra for sacrificing their daughter Iphigenia to Artemis.

Odysseus (Ulysses), served as strategist and counselor to Agamemnon during the Trojan War. After the war, he experienced an arduous and perilous journey and a quest of discovery.

Chapters ordered by narrator

Section I

Darl
Cora
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Vardaman
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Tull
Darl
Cash
Vardaman

Section II

Tull
Darl
Cash
Darl
Vardaman
Darl
Anse
Darl
Anse
Samson
Dewey Dell
Tull
Darl
Tull
Darl
Vardaman
Tull
Darl
Cash

Section III

Cora
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