**Ethan Frome**

He is a complex character, and the main character, the protagonist of the novel. The author decided to call the novel with his name to make us reflect about this person.

If we think of Ethan, we could the adjectives that come to our mind are passive, weak, and many other negative ones. But as intelligent readers we should go deeper in his analysis.

He is an undecided person, and hasn’t strong convinction in doing everything. He pays attenction at all people’s thoughts about him, even if he should not care. He is afraid about his reputation because, since he was born, he finds himself in a situation that always put him in addiction to somebody (his mother).

The human needs a contact with others. Nobody compelled Ethan to marry Zenobia, he chooses to do it, because people always choose the easier way to face up the world. His choices are due to two factors, that are human nature and the setting where he lives. He is a person who has many dreams, but he doesn’t make all his dreams come true, and he decides to work in a farm instead of study the stars or scientific subjects. He is a sort of idealist, he chooses his life relying on circumstances, he is influenced for not being alone. He chooses to adapt to the situation he know.

He is a round and flat character: he tries to change his life but only in abstract. He feels attraction in stars and scientific subjects, but he has not the courage and the emotional strength to go against the common sense, so his family too. He is weak because he fears something he doesn’t know. For doing something he always must have an explanation, and the setting where he lives doesn’t allow him to change and transform himself.