21W.755, Writing and Reading Short Stories (Fall 2006) Shariann Lewitt

Session 14: Description

Faulkner

Like or not? What happens? (happened?)

Characters? Want? Overcome?

Point of view? 3rd person intimate - voice

Important: non-linear

not unified like others

- long time
- tight control

Internal conflict in character

Discuss authorial voice as opposed to point of view.

Description

- place and placement
- physicalizing, realizing
- detail
- two well chosen **details** give all the rest

Exercise: Describe a person in this room. Physical characteristics.