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An archetype is a typical example of a certain kind of person or thing that symbolizes something universal about the human experience. An archetype can be an idea, a symbol, a pattern, or a thing. It is a story element that appears over and over again in stories in all kinds of cultures all over the world.

Like an archetype, a cliché appears over and over again in stories, but archetype has a positive connotation, while cliché has a negative connotation. A cliché loses its potency from being overused. An archetype does not lose its potency.

A trope is a broader category than an archetype. A trope isn't universal, it's just very common.