

## FIRST CHAPTER

- ◆ Who is speaking? a young boy
- ◆ How old is he? 9 years old
- ◆ Who is he ? the narrator /the writer [ my /I was nine they/ flattered me/I was wrong/it was my ninth celebration/]
- ◆ What is he talking about ? the weather /his birthday /his house/his village/ his childhood (I tried to remember, my memory was, I recalled , what did I remember)
- ◆ Who is he talking about? his mother (my mother) /his neighbour.
- ◆ What is the atmosphere in this first chapter : sad (rain , rain , rain)=monotony , weariness , boredom (loud –sodden grimness – mourning black, wept)  
How does the boy feel? sad /unsatisfied
- ◆ When does the story take place? a long time ago/50's ( lamp , gas , public bath, washerwomen (a big brass lamp that hung from a beam (p3) /barrel(p6).
- ◆ What are the themes? childhood , families , superstition , poverty
- ◆ Ton de l'histoire : humour
- ◆ Intérêt du chapitre : ouverture /met en place le cadre / le décor