

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

LITERARY TERM	DEFINITION	CLASS EXAMPLE	PERSONAL EXAMPLE
Character	A person, animal or thing in a work of literature		
Analysis	Breaking down a piece of literature so that it can be understood		
Characterization	The process of creating a character, including words, actions, thoughts, appearance, other peoples' thoughts and perceptions about the character		
Main Character	The character that is represented in the story the most. The plot usually revolves around this character		
Minor Character	One of the characters represented in the story, but not the main character		
Static Character	A character that changes very little from the beginning to the end.		
Dynamic Character	A character that goes through a significant amount of change from the beginning to the end		
Conflict	A struggle between opposing forces: usually internal or external conflict		
Internal Conflict	A struggle within the character		
External Conflict	A struggle against another character, idea, organization, etc		
Complications	Things that the character must consider before solving or dealing with a conflict		
Climax	A high point of the story, such as where a character must make a big decision		
Motivation	Why do characters behave the way they do?		
Strengths	The positive qualities and characteristics in a character		
Weaknesses	The negative qualities and characteristics in a character		
Figurative Language	Any use of metaphors and/or similes by the character		