

Reading Literature Practice & Assess

Lesson 8: Types of Characters

Name _____

Match each of the character types below with the correct description. You may use some more than once.

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| ____ 1. a character that a reader has empathy or feels sorry for | A. flat character |
| ____ 2. the character who is most dedicated to preventing the protagonist from achieving his or her goal | B. round character |
| ____ 3. the character who opposes the protagonist when there is man vs. man external conflict | C. static character |
| ____ 4. an undeveloped background character | D. dynamic character |
| ____ 5. a character that evolves and ends the story somehow changed | E. antagonist |
| ____ 6. a character who may be prominent but is not fully developed | F. protagonist |
| ____ 7. the main character in the story; the conflict has a direct impact on this character and his or her goals | G. sympathetic character |
| ____ 8. a character who does not change over the course of the story | H. minor character |
| ____ 9. when the author is particularly attentive to characterization and the character seems almost real | |
| ____ 10. a character whose personality stays the same from the beginning to end of the story | |

Read each of the following and determine the type of character being described.

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| ____ 11. Keith must find a way to earn \$100 before the end of the month if he wants to go on an expensive field trip at school. His brother, who is jealous of him, tries to thwart his efforts to earn money. Keith is most likely the
a. antagonist
b. protagonist
c. flat character
d. static character | ____ 12. When the story opens, Ray is trying to work up the courage to give a speech to his class. In the last chapter, he wins a public speaking contest and is excited that he will have a chance to speak in front of the United States Congress. Ray's character is
a. static
b. round
c. flat
d. dynamic |
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