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Literary Analysis SkillBuilder

Character

People, animals, and imaginary creatures that participate in the action of a story are called **characters**. Short stories usually focus on one or two main characters. Authors want their characters to act in such a way that readers can understand their traits and motives. **Traits** are a consistent part of the character's personality. **Motives** are the emotions, wants, or needs that cause a character to act or react. Use the graphic organizer below to describe one of the main characters from the story.

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graph TD; Character([Character]) --> Traits[Traits]; Character --> Motives[Motives];
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The diagram illustrates the components of a character analysis. At the top, an oval labeled "Character" is connected by two downward-pointing arrows to two separate rectangular boxes. The left box is labeled "Traits" and the right box is labeled "Motives". Both boxes contain multiple horizontal lines for taking notes.