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.

____ 1. a character that a reader has empathy or feels sorry for

____ 2. the character who is most dedicated to preventing the protagonist from achieving his or her goal

____ 3. the character who opposes the protagonist when there is man vs. man external conflict

____ 4. an undeveloped background character

____ 5. a character that evolves and ends the story somehow changed

____ 6. a character who may be prominent but is not fully developed

____ 7. the main character in the story; the conflict has a direct impact on this character and his or her goals

____ 8. a character who does not change over the course of the story

___ 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

A. flat character
B. round character
C. static character
D. dynamic character
E. antagonist
F. protagonist
G. sympathetic character
H. minor character

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

____ 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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