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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 relationship between a character and their traits and motives. At the top, an oval labeled "Character" has two arrows pointing down to two rectangular boxes. The left box is labeled "Traits" and the right box is labeled "Motives". Both boxes have several horizontal lines for writing.