

Character analysis - helping you analyze a character



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Character analysis

When analyzing a character, there are many factors to be taken into account.

Types

Characters can be round (multi-dimensional, complex, with strengths and weaknesses) or flat (one-dimensional with only a few surface traits)

Development

We call a character's journey and their transformations a character arc. However, there are static characters that don't change and dynamic characters who evolve.

What to look out for

When analyzing a character, it is helpful to look at their motivations, struggles, reasoning, relationships with others and motives.

Revealing a character

The author chooses how they want to reveal a character. Through direct or indirect characterization, dialogue, actions, thoughts and interactions.

Choose the correct answer.

Which term describes a character who undergoes a significant internal change throughout a story?

- ☐ Dynamic character ☐ Round character ☐ Static character

What is NOT a common method for analyzing a character in literature?

- ☐ Author's biography ☐ Dialogue ☐ Physical appearance

What term refers to a character who serves as a contrast to another character?

- ☐ Antagonist ☐ Protagonist ☐ Foil

What describes the underlying motivations behind a character's actions?

- ☐ Conflict ☐ Characterization ☐ Motivation

In character analysis, what does 'round character' refer to?

- ☐ A fully developed and complex character ☐ A character who remains unchanged
☐ A character with few traits

Which is NOT a common element of character analysis?

- ☐ Character's relationships with other characters ☐ Character's role in the plot
☐ Character's astrological sign

What term describes the way in which an author reveals a character's traits?

- ☐ Character development ☐ Characterization ☐ Character arc

Which is an example of indirect characterization?

- ☐ The character's actions and dialogue revealing their personality
☐ The author explicitly stating the character's traits
☐ The character's physical appearance described in detail

This exercise helps you explore the character on a deeper level. Answering the questions will aid you in writing a full analysis.

Describe Atticus Finch's moral compass.

How does Atticus Finch demonstrate empathy towards others?

Explain Atticus Finch's belief in the importance of education.

How does Atticus Finch handle difficult situations with grace and composure?

Describe Atticus Finch's relationship with his children, Scout and Jem.

Explain Atticus Finch's commitment to justice and equality.

How does Atticus Finch challenge societal norms in Maycomb?

What values does Atticus Finch prioritize in his own life?

Describe Atticus Finch's approach to dealing with conflict in the community.

Explain Atticus Finch's willingness to stand up for what is right, even when it is unpopular.
