

What is Character Analysis?

It's Monday morning. Your best friend runs into the classroom, gives a big "Whoop!" jumps up and down, and begins clapping. Other kids in the class begin clapping and cheering as well.

Analyze the situation. What is going on?

What have you based your analysis on?

Character analysis is a bit like detective work. We look for clues and then piece them together to help us understand why a character acts a certain way. Just like you tried to figure out what your friend was excited about.

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We can figure out what makes a character "tick" by finding clues in:

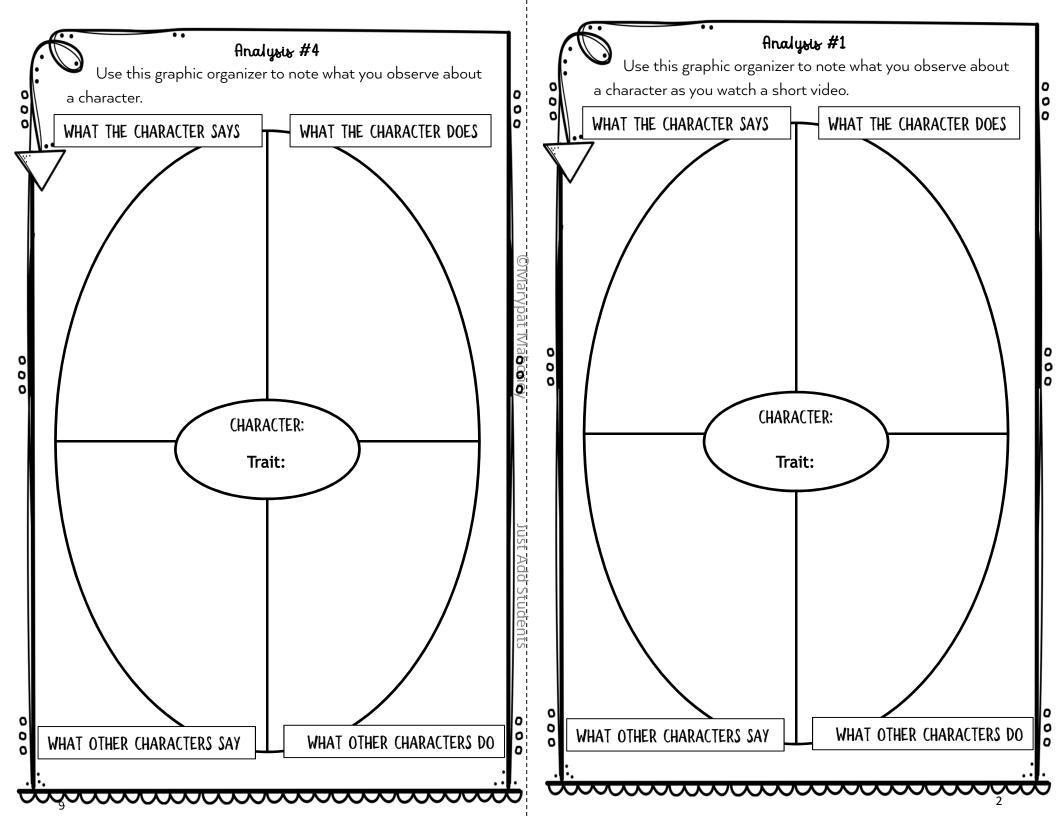
- 1. What the character says (or thinks)
- 2. What the character does
- 3. What others say about the character
- 4. How others act toward or around the character

We take that information and infer the qualities the character has. Readers can also take that information and make predictions about the character's actions and determine if the character is static (doesn't experience a change in behavior or beliefs) or dynamic (does experience a change in behavior or beliefs).

Why is this important? Character analysis helps readers understand the theme of a novel. As characters change and grow due to conflict, the theme of the novel emerges. Additionally, understanding characters helps us understand real people as well!

Analysis #4 Based on what you observed, describe the character's personality. You may want to use one or two word from the character list on page 3. Explain why the character has these traits based on evidence you collected on page 9. THE CHARACTER YOU ARE ANALYZING: THE CHARACTER CAN BE FOUND IN (NAME OF TEXT OR VIDEO): PRIMARY CHARACTER TRAITS I OBSERVED:

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Character Traits Here are character traits you may notice. Add any others on the lines. 0 _ Adventurous Hopeful Analytical Intelligent Angry Intense Artistic Kind Bold Lively Careful Loyal Calm Mature ©Marypat Mahoney Caring Optimistic Casual Outgoing Cautious Playful Charming Pleasant Cheery Polite Clever Quiet Compassionate Quirky Cooperative Rebellious Curious Reflective Daring Reliable Deliberate Responsible Dependable Serious Determined Silly Dramatic Smart Eager Strong Energetic Thankful Excitable Thoughtful Fair Trustworthy Formal Unconventional Friendly Understanding Funny Unique Gentle Upbeat Generous Warm Gracious Wild Нарру Witty Helpful Wistful Honest

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