

Character Analysis Assignment

ENG 1D1



1. Select a character from our present text
2. List 3 adjectives to describe him/her thus far in the text

A

B

C

3. Find ONE quotation for each adjective which supports the claim (adjective) that you have just listed.

a) quality #1 (adjective) _____

i) textual proof _____

(Act scene lines)

ii) Now, explain in your own words how the quotation proves that the character possesses the trait that you listed in a)

b) quality #2 (adjective) _____

ii) textual proof _____

(Act scene lines)

ii) Now, explain in your own words how the quotation proves that the character possesses the trait that you listed in b)

c) quality #3 (adjective) _____

ii) textual proof _____

(Act scene lines)

ii) Now, explain in your own words how the quotation proves that the character possesses the trait that you listed in c)

Writing Assignment

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You have been asked to write a character analysis using your own ideas, evidence from the text as your supporting details, and explanations that will clarify how textual evidence supports your claims.

What is a Character Analysis or Character Sketch?

A character sketch is a written description of a character in a story, novel or play. The purpose is to create a picture of the person, through effective adjectives, to describe him or her to your audience. You must also provide concrete examples from the story to support each of your opinions.

Your Task

You can select any character that we have studied in the text thus far. He or she can be flat or round, dynamic or static.

- **Flat/Static – one dimensional; does not change throughout the story**
- **Round/Dynamic – multi dimensional; develops and changes throughout the course of the story**



Characterization refers to how characters are developed or described by the author. Characters are revealed in many ways throughout a story:

- What a character says (dialogue)
- What a character thinks (internal monologue)
- What a character does (actions/reactions)
- What others say or think about the character (narration)

You must use the outline provided as your template for your rough copy. The rough copy must be typed and double spaced and be brought to class for editing on _____ . The good copy is due typed as well in MLA format. Paying close attention to the expectations, and sample provided, as well as the feedback that you receive on your rough draft will help you create an excellent product. The length of your final copy should be around 300-400 words. You **MUST** include direction quotations as evidence for the traits or qualities that you select.

Sample Topic Sentence for Paragraph:

Ex. In the famous Shakespearean play Macbeth, Macduff, a rather minor character, has proven himself to be dutiful to the King's requests, a loyal nobleman to King Duncan, and suspicious of Macbeth's actions.

Sample First Point, Proof and Analysis

First, Macduff proves himself to be dutiful to the King's requests because despite having to travel miles by horseback, he arrives at Macbeth's castle in order to fulfill his promise to the King. In speaking to Macbeth, Macduff states of Duncan, "He did command me to call timely on him;/I have almost slipped the hour (2, 3, 42-43). Since Macduff's response reveals his concern and worry about almost failing to arrive on time to wake the King, it in turn proves that he was extremely dedicated to the King.

Transition into next Point (quality), Proof and Analysis

In addition, Macduff shows himself to be a loyal nobleman to the King even after Duncan is dead. For instance, Macduff ...