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Characterization: An Overview

Directions: Review the following terms used in character analysis. Then complete the chart.

Major character—plays a big part in the action

Minor character—has a less substantial role

Dynamic character—changes in a substantial way

Static character—stays essentially the same

Round character—complex, multi-dimensional

Flat character—not presented in depth, one-dimensional

Direct characterization—The author, narrator, or another character tells us about the character.

Indirect characterization—We make deductions based on what the character says, does, and thinks.

Character	Major or Minor	Dynamic or Static	Round or Flat	Direct or Indirect Characterization
Ralph				
Piggy				
Jack				
Simon				
Roger				
Henry				

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Characterization: An In-Depth Look

Directions: In the course of the novel, William Golding clearly delineates the characters of Ralph, Jack, Simon, and Piggy. Fill in the information for each of these important characters.

1. Ralph

    a. Appearance

    b. Personality

    c. Goals

    d. Key events

    e. Major changes

    f. Symbols

    g. Direct characterization

    h. Indirect characterization

2. Simon

    a. Appearance

    b. Personality

    c. Goals

    d. Key events

    e. Major changes

    f. Symbols

    g. Direct characterization

    h. Indirect characterization

3. Jack

   a. Appearance

   b. Personality

   c. Goals

   d. Key events

   e. Major changes

   f. Symbols

   g. Direct characterization

   h. Indirect characterization

4. Piggy

   a. Appearance

   b. Personality

   c. Goals

   d. Key events

   e. Major changes

   f. Symbols

   g. Direct characterization

   h. Indirect characterization