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Character Analysis Essay

For this culminating assignment, you will write a five paragraph essay that highlights one character from one of the stories we read in the short stories unit.

There are a variety of graphic organizers in this package that are designed to improve your essay. Throughout this project, you should be checking in with your teacher consistently.

Checklist

- Fill-in the Character Traits Matrix with information about two characters**
- Choose one of the characters to write about in your essay**
- Complete the Body Paragraph Planning Sheet**
- Complete the Introduction / Conclusion Planning Sheet**
- Prepare a rough copy of your Works Cited Page following the format provided**
- Type out your essay, following the completion of all planning sheets and after receiving feedback from your teacher**

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Character Traits Matrix

Short Story: _____ Character: _____

3 Traits	Evidence (speech, actions, thoughts) **Use direct quotes from the text here**	Page #

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Body Paragraph Planning Sheet

CHARACTER TRAIT 1	
POINT	
EXPLAIN/EXPAND	
EVIDENCE (Don't forget to use your own words to introduce your evidence)	
LINK TO CHARACTER TRAIT 1	

CHARACTER TRAIT 2	
POINT	
EXPLAIN/EXPAND	

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EVIDENCE (Don't forget to use your own words to introduce your evidence)	
LINK TO CHARACTER TRAIT 2	

CHARACTER TRAIT 3	
POINT	
EXPLAIN/EXPAND	
EVIDENCE (Don't forget to use your own words to introduce your evidence)	
LINK TO CHARACTER TRAIT 3	

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Introduction and Conclusion Planning Sheet

INTRODUCTION

Topic Sentence(s) (Introduce short story title, author and briefly summarize the plot)	
Introduce chosen Character and 3 Traits	
Transition to First Body Paragraph	

CONCLUSION

Restate character info and 3 traits	
Closing Statement highlighting importance of character to the story	

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Works Cited Format

In order to do a proper Works Cited page, you will need the following information about your chosen short story:

Author's Last Name	
Author's First Name	
Title of Short Story	
Title of the Short Story Collection	
Editor of Collection	
Place of Publication	
Publisher	
Year Published	
Page Numbers of Short Story	

Using this information, you will ensure that the final page of your essay looks like this:

Works Cited

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Short Story." *Title of Short Story Collection*, edited by Editor's First and Last Name, Publisher, Year Published, pp. # - #.

EXAMPLE

Harris, Muriel. "Talk to Me: Engaging Reluctant Writers." *A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writers One to One*, edited by Ben Rafoth, Heinemann, 2000, pp. 24-34.