



Student Tasks:

- Reflect on their reading.
- Complete the character chart graphic organizer.
- Share their analyses with a partner.
- Engage in a discussion to deepen their understanding of the character and their role in the story.

Online ThinkCERCA Modules:

- Complex texts
- Tools for scaffolding reading (focus mode, translation, picture dictionary, online glossary, audio support, syllabication, part of speech, etc.)

Character Chart

Character Analysis: Understanding Characters in Depth

Suggested Time 20 Minutes

Strategy

The Character Chart strategy allows students to systematically analyze a character from the story they are reading. By using a graphic organizer, students can gather and organize information about the character's traits, motivations, and actions. This approach helps deepen their understanding of the character's role in the narrative and encourages critical thinking about character development.

Optimal Application Notes:

This strategy supports detailed character analysis and helps students engage with the text on a deeper level. Teachers should model the process using key excerpts that highlight significant character traits and actions.

Before:

- Select a text that includes well-developed characters with clear traits and motivations.
- Prepare character chart graphic organizers for each student.
- Ensure students have access to the text for reference during the activity.

During:

- Distribute the character charts to students after they finish reading.
- Instruct students to fill in each section of the chart based on their reading.
 - **Character Name:** Record the name of the character being analyzed.
 - **Physical Description:** Write down details about the character's appearance.
 - **Personality Traits:** List both positive and negative traits exhibited by the character.
 - **Motivations:** Identify what drives the character's actions and decisions.
 - **Key Actions:** Note significant events or choices made by the character throughout the story.
 - **Dialogue:** Include notable quotes or phrases spoken by the character.
 - **Relationships:** Describe how the character interacts with other characters in the story.
- Encourage students to support their analysis with textual evidence, citing page or paragraph numbers.
- Pair students to share their character charts, prompting them to discuss insights and clarify details.

After:

- Facilitate a class discussion where students share their findings, focusing on unique traits or motivations they discovered.

Character Chart

Understanding Characters in Depth

Instructions: Fill out the character chart as you read, focusing on the details that help you understand the character better. After completing your chart, discuss your insights with a partner to explore different interpretations of the character!

Category	Details/Examples
Character Name	
Physical Description	
Personality Traits	
Motivations	
Key Actions	
Dialogue	
Relationships	