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Unmasking the Motive: A 7th Grade Character Forensics Quiz

Students step into the shoes of a literary detective to decode hidden traits and evolving mindsets through complex textual evidence and behavioral analysis.

1. Which of the following best defines indirect characterization?

- A. The author explicitly states a character's traits.
- B. The reader must infer traits through speech, thoughts, and actions.
- C. A list of physical descriptions at the beginning of a chapter.
- D. The narrator's opinion of a character's moral compass.

2. A character who undergoes a significant internal change throughout a story is known as a:

- A. Static character
- B. Flat character
- C. Dynamic character
- D. Stereotypical character

3. The acronym STEAL stands for Speech, Thoughts, Effect on others, Actions, and ____.

- A. Location
- B. Language
- C. Leadership
- D. Looks

4. A character's motivation is the reason behind their specific actions or behaviors.

- A. True
- B. False

5. If a character is described as 'a mirror reflecting the protagonist's weaknesses,' they are likely acting as a:

- A. Protagonist
- B. Foil
- C. Mentor
- D. Antagonist

6. A ____ character is one-dimensional and lacks complex personality depths or internal conflict.

- A. Round
- B. Flat
- C. Circular
- D. Protagonist

7. Internal conflict (Man vs. Self) is a key element in developing a character's complexity.

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- A. True
- B. False

8. Which detail is an example of 'Direct Characterization'?

- A. James slammed the door and kicked the wall.
- B. James was a short-tempered and incredibly aggressive boy.
- C. James glared at the teacher with fire in his eyes.
- D. James muttered a threat under his breath.

9. Analyzing how other characters respond to the protagonist is part of the _____ component of character analysis.

- A. Action
- B. Thought
- C. Effect
- D. Internal

10. A protagonist is always a hero who does the right thing in the story.

- A. True
- B. False