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## Unmasking the Motive: 12th Grade Character Analysis Quiz

Seniors track the shifting intentions and internal conflicts that transform protagonists from mere names into complex, breathing literary figures.

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**1. Which term refers to the underlying reason behind a character's specific behavior or action in a narrative?**

- A. Character Motivation
- B. External Conflict
- C. Static Trait
- D. Foreshadowing

**2. In F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby', what is the primary motivation driving Jay Gatsby's pursuit of wealth?**

- A. To fund a political campaign
- B. To win back the love of Daisy Buchanan
- C. To escape the law
- D. To travel the world

**3. A character who undergoes a significant internal change throughout the course of a story is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ character.**

- A. Flat
- B. Static
- C. Dynamic
- D. Stock

**4. Direct characterization occurs when the author reveals a character's traits through their actions, thoughts, and speech rather than telling the reader directly.**

- A. True
- B. False

**5. Which character archetype is often defined by a 'tragic flaw' (hamartia) that leads to their eventual downfall?**

- A. The Mentor
- B. The Tragic Hero
- C. The Everyman
- D. The Herald

**6. When a character serves as a contrast to another character (usually the protagonist) to highlight specific qualities, they are called a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Antagonist

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- B. Protagonist
- C. Foil
- D. Sidekick

**7. An antagonist is always a 'villain' who has evil intentions.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. Which element is considered 'indirect characterization'?**

- A. The narrator stating the character is brave.
- B. A physical description saying the character is 6 feet tall.
- C. The character shaking hands with a nervous sweat.
- D. The character's birthdate listed in a file.

**9. The internal struggle a character faces within their own mind is categorized as 'Character vs. \_\_\_\_\_'.**

- A. Society
- B. Nature
- C. Self
- D. Fate

**10. A 'Round Character' is one that is complex and has many different traits developed by the author.**

- A. True
- B. False