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Unmasking the Motive: 10th Grade Character Analysis Quiz

Challenge sophomores to look beyond the surface, decoding character arcs and psychological depth through textual evidence and narrative function.

1. Which term describes a character who undergoes a significant internal change throughout the course of a narrative?

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

2. A literary device used to reveal a character's personality through their speech, actions, or appearance rather than through direct description is _____ characterization.

- A. Implicit
- B. Direct
- C. Indirect
- D. External

3. A protagonist is always a heroic or 'good' character in a literary work.

- A. True
- B. False

4. When an author highlights a character's traits by contrasting them against another character, the second character is known as a:

- A. Antagonist
- B. Foil
- C. Confidant
- D. Deuteragonist

5. An archetype is a recurring character type or symbol that is universally recognized across different cultures and time periods.

- A. True
- B. False

6. The driving force behind a character's actions, which provides the 'why' behind their behavior, is termed character _____.

- A. Motivation
- B. Development
- C. Conflict
- D. Agency

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7. Which of the following is an example of an internal conflict a character might face?

- A. A man struggling to survive a blizzard
- B. A woman arguing with her employer over a promotion
- C. A teenager deciding whether to report a friend for cheating
- D. A knight fighting a dragon to save a village

8. A _____ character is complex and multi-dimensional, possessing many traits and often displaying contradictory behaviors.

- A. Flat
- B. Linear
- C. Minor
- D. Round

9. A character's social status and historical context are irrelevant to their character analysis.

- A. True
- B. False

10. In a tragedy, what is the term for the 'fatal flaw' that leads to the downfall of the protagonist?

- A. Hubris
- B. Hamartia
- C. Catharsis
- D. Anagnorisis