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Unmask Their Motives: Your 7th Grade Character Analysis Quest

Deconstruct complex protagonists and evaluate character development through internal conflict, dynamic shifts, and textual evidence in nuanced literary scenarios.

1. A character struggles between their loyalty to a friend and their duty to follow the law. This scenario is a primary example of:

- A. External conflict with nature
- B. An internal conflict reflecting moral ambiguity
- C. A static character trait
- D. Direct characterization of physical appearance

2. Which of the following best describes the difference between a 'complex' character and a 'flat' character?

- A. Flat characters are only found in short stories.
- B. Complex characters undergo no change during the plot.
- C. Complex characters have multiple, sometimes contradictory, traits.
- D. Flat characters are always the protagonist of the narrative.

3. When an author shows a character's personality through their actions, speech, and thoughts rather than telling the reader directly, they are using _____ characterization.

- A. explicit
- B. indirect
- C. passive
- D. static

4. A 'dynamic' character is defined strictly by being the main character of the story, regardless of whether they change.

- A. True
- B. False

5. An author describes a character as 'having a heart of stone.' This is an example of characterization that primarily influences the reader's perception of the character's:

- A. Physical health
- B. Socioeconomic status
- C. Internal temperament and empathy
- D. Geographic origin

6. To analyze how a character's _____ drives the plot, a reader must look at the specific reasons why a character chooses their particular course of action.

- A. dialogue

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- B. description
- C. motivation
- D. setting

7. A character whose primary function is to provide a contrast to the protagonist's traits is known as a 'foil'.

- A. True
- B. False

8. In a climactic scene, a fearful character decides to lead a rescue mission. This shift in the character's behavior most likely indicates:

- A. A plot hole in the narrative
- B. The character's development and arc
- C. Direct characterization by the narrator
- D. That the character is static

9. When evaluating character development, the most reliable source of evidence is often the character's _____ because they reveal true intent more than words alone.

- A. actions
- B. outfits
- C. ancestry
- D. names

10. Which analytical question best helps a reader evaluate a character's complexity?

- A. What color is the character's hair?
- B. How many pages mention this character?
- C. How do the character's conflicting desires impact their decisions?
- D. What is the character's middle name?