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## Who Are They Behind the Mask? Deciphering 8th Grade Literary Personas

Students peel back layers of motivation and trait-based evidence as they differentiate between static and dynamic figures across familiar classic narratives.

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**1. Which term refers to a character who remains exactly the same from the beginning of a story until the very end?**

- A. Dynamic character
- B. Protagonist
- C. Static character
- D. Antagonist

**2. In a story, the 'antagonist' is most commonly recognized as the character who:**

- A. Narrates the entire story
- B. Opposes the main character
- C. Learns a valuable life lesson
- D. Is always the hero

**3. A \_\_\_\_ character is one who is complex and well-developed with many different personality traits.**

- A. Flat
- B. Square
- C. Round
- D. Thin

**4. True or False: The protagonist of a story must always be a 'good guy' or a hero.**

- A. True
- B. False

**5. Which of these is an example of indirect characterization?**

- A. The author writes: 'She was a very angry girl.'
- B. The narrator says the boy was 5 feet tall.
- C. A character slams a door and screams after losing a game.
- D. A character is described as having blue eyes.

**6. When an author tells the reader exactly what a character is like (e.g., 'He was brave'), it is called \_\_\_\_ characterization.**

- A. Direct
- B. Hidden
- C. Secondary
- D. External

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**7. True or False: A dynamic character undergoes an internal change, such as a shift in perspective or values.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. What is 'character motivation'?**

- A. The physical appearance of a character
- B. The reason behind a character's actions
- C. The speed at which a character speaks
- D. A list of a character's favorite things

**9. A \_\_\_\_ character is a two-dimensional character with only one or two dominant traits.**

- A. Dynamic
- B. Flat
- C. Circular
- D. Heroic

**10. True or False: Using the acronym STEAL (Speech, Thoughts, Effect, Actions, Looks) helps analyze characterization.**

- A. True
- B. False