



Enrich Your Student's Narrative Writing Through Character Studies



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Dear Dorothy,

Throughout the school year, students are introduced to a variety of fictional characters in their reading. The Write Tools provides grade level lists of character traits to help your students know and understand the people they are meeting in their imaginative literature. Spending time teaching and discussing appropriate character traits with your students will enrich their vocabulary, as well as improve their writing and reading comprehension.

Look over a sample of the extensive possibilities from our imaginative Narrative writing training, and compile a list of character traits you might want to introduce to your students. (To see the full list of character traits, refer to our Imaginative Narrative Writing Module pages 50-52.)

Level 1: Character Traits

afraid	messy
brave	naughty
cheerful	noisy
friendly	quiet
funny	sad
happy	scared
helpful	selfish
kind	silly
lonely	smart
loud	strong
mad	unhappy
mean	wise

Level 2: Character Traits

angry	artistic
boring	bossy
broken-hearted	bubbly
calm	caring
clumsy	confused
daring	dull
evil	faithful
fearless	filthy
fun-loving	fussy
gentle	good-natured
greedy	grouchy
hard-working	honest
humorous	immature
intelligent	jealous
likeable	loyal
loving	nervous
moody	patient
outgoing	powerful
popular	relaxed
proud	rude
responsible	sneaky
sincere	sympathetic
successful	thoughtful
thankful	tough
tireless	violent

Level 3: Character Traits

adventurous	aggressive
annoying	anti-social
argumentative	arrogant
boastful	careful
combative	compassionate
confident	considerate
cooperative	courageous
dainty	deceitful
detached	disagreeable
egotistical	energetic
gullible	hostile
insincere	impulsive
mischievous	intellectual
optimistic	modest
pessimistic	passive
proper	pleasing
sarcastic	reflective
short-tempered	self-centered
superficial	simple-minded
trustworthy	talkative
unselfish	unfaithful

Try some of the activities suggested below:

1. Read through the traits, one column at a time, and ask students if there are words on the list that they are unfamiliar with. Explain the words using examples and synonyms they might be more familiar with.
2. Put students in groups of three to four and assign each group a particular trait. Ask them to make up a short skit that will teach others in the class about that trait. Here are some simple guidelines for the skits:
 - Everyone in the group must participate in the skit in some way.
 - When the skit is over, the class should have an understanding of what the trait means.
 - Students should use the actual name of their assigned trait at least three times in the skit.
3. Have small groups of students write paragraphs that "show" the meaning of one of the character traits.

4. Have students draw a picture that illustrates the meaning of one of the character traits.

5. Continue to add additional character traits to your list as they come up in your classroom.

Consider scheduling a one day training for our Imaginative Narrative Writing Module. The strategies will release the creativity in your students' writing!

Sincerely,

The Write Tools