Character Questions

APE Literature and Composition

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1. Do you identify with the protagonist? Who (or what) is the antagonist?
2. Did your response to any characters change as you read? What do you think caused the change? Do any characters change and develop in the course of the story? How?
3. Are round, flat, or stock characters used? Is their behavior motivated and plausible?
4. How does the author reveal characters? Are they directly described or indirectly presented? Are the characters’ names used to convey something about them?
5. What is the purpose of the minor characters? Are they individualized, or do they primarily represent ideas or attitudes?
6. How does your response to the protagonist develop over the course of the story? What impacts this?
7. How does the use of details serve to characterize the protagonist?