

Character Motivation

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Student will be able to explain why a character makes a key decision by identifying the character's underlying motivation.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- The same book/story from Week 2
- paper
- pencil
- sticky notes (optional)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Identify one major decision your character makes in the story (something that changes the plot).
2. Set up a mock 'interview': write 4 questions you would ask the character about why they made that choice.
3. Role-play the interview — have a family member ask the questions while you answer AS the character, using evidence from the story.
4. Write down your best answer to each question in the character's voice (first person).
5. Draw an arrow diagram: Motivation → Decision → Consequence, filling in each box with a short phrase.

QUESTIONS

1. **What decision did your character make, and what was their motivation (the reason behind it)?**

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2. **What evidence from the text supports that motivation?**

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3. **What was the consequence of the decision, and did it match what the character expected?**
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4. Do you think the character's motivation justified the decision? Why or why not?
