

# UNDERSTANDING CHARACTER

**Part One:** Where the questions below say *Character*, substitute the name of a character assigned from your reading.

1. *Character* is looking for true love. What qualities will *Character* look for in the ideal mate? What characteristics make a person the perfect partner? How do you know?
2. You are the director of a movie based upon the literary work which you have just read. Whom will you cast in the role of *Character*? Why?
3. *Character* has just entered a restaurant that serves every type of food in the world. The waiter asks *Character*, "What would you like?" *Character* replies: "....." Explain.
4. You are giving a costume party. What costume will *Character* choose to wear to your party? Explain why *Character* would choose this particular outfit.
5. You have just invented a time machine and you offer *Character* the opportunity to travel anywhere "anywhen." What choice will *Character* make? Why? Explain.
6. Happy Birthday to *Character*! You've been invited to the Abstract Quality Birthday Party. Your selected gift must be intangible -- not a fast car, not a fancy stereo, not jewelry! What present will you bring? Why is this just what *Character* has always needed and wanted?
7. As a garbage collector with years of experience, you have learned that garbage is a good indication of someone's personality, their likes and dislikes. Describe the types of garbage you are likely to find at *Character's* house, and what that garbage reveals about *Character*.
8. Boo hoo. *Character* is dead and buried. Dead and gone? Not quite. Moments later *Character* awakens wearing a strange new persona. Yes, *Character* has been really been reincarnated! Who is *Character* this time around. Explain.

**Part Two:** Answer these questions about your assigned character. Explain your choices.

***Is CHARACTER more like:***

1. May or December?
2. A Jeep, a Corvette, a Saturn, or a Mercedes Benz?
3. Brown or blue?
4. The letter *A*, the letter *M*, or the letter *Z*?
5. Vanilla ice cream or charlotte russe?
6. New York, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, or New Orleans?
7. A hammer or a nail?
8. White, rye, or pumpernickel bread?
9. A short story, a poem, an essay, or a play?
10. Soap or dirt?
11. Fire, water, earth, or air?
12. A cathedral, a pup tent, or a log cabin?
13. A filing cabinet, a garbage pail, a wood lathe, or a kitchen stove?
14. A lock or a key?
15. The comics, the sports section, the business report, or the editorial page?
16. A snowstorm or a rainy day?
17. A horse show, a hockey match, or a track-and-field event?
18. A forest fire or a mountain stream?
19. A TV quiz show, a soap opera, a situation comedy, or a drama?
20. Science fiction, mystery, romance, or horror?