

PUTTIN' ON THE PERSONA: MACBETH OR LADY MACBETH

Put on your Shakespearean persona, become Macbeth or Lady Macbeth and write the assignments below. Identify which character you are for each assignment, by filling in the blank provided.

Likes / Dislikes List: _____

In the columns below, one titled "Likes," the other "Dislikes," list from ten to fifteen specific items in each column.

Likes

Dislikes

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| 1. _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 10. _____ |

Metaphorical Definitions: _____

This kind of definition helps make abstract words easier to understand by giving a specific concrete example. A famous metaphorical definition is "Happiness is a warm puppy." For you, happiness may be something very different -- a raise in your allowance, a banana split, a room of your own. Write metaphorical definitions of three different abstract nouns. Your concrete example must be something specific that you can sense -- taste, touch, smell, see, or hear. Your definitions should follow the format below:

METAPHORICAL DEFINITION = ABSTRACT NOUN + IS + CONCRETE EXAMPLE

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The Perfect Present: _____

I have the ability to select the perfect present for this character. It's not a new car or designer jeans because the gift is intangible, or abstract. This means that you cannot perceive it with the five senses. For example, you might want patience, self-confidence, intuition. Tell me what the gift is, why it's the perfect gift, why you need it, and how it will affect your life.

Unfinished Sentences: _____

Complete each of the following sentences by expanding them into short paragraphs. As always, be specific. Explain.

1. I feel frustrated when...

2. I am comfortable when...

3. I'm moody when... _____

4. I'm happiest when...

5. I feel confident when...

These Words Belong to Me: _____

Make a list of words that have special power and magic for your character. Think of common words with uncommon meanings, or even strange new words that allow you to think a new kind of thought. These words may be abstract or concrete, intangible or tangible. List at least four words. For each word, explain why this particular word belongs to you.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____
