Characterization Lesson Notes

Fill in the blanks as you follow along and use this sheet to study from!

Part I

A major character is ________________________________________________________________

and a minor character is ____________________________________________________________.

Setting means ___________________________________ and ____________________________________.

The protagonist is ________________________________________________________________

and the antagonist is ____________________________________________________________.

Character traits are ________________________________________________________________

2 Types of Characterization

Direct: ________________________________________________________________

Indirect: ________________________________________________________________

5 Methods of Indirect Characterization

S______________________________________________________________

T______________________________________________________________

E______________________________________________________________

A______________________________________________________________

L______________________________________________________________

Inferences are based on ______________________________________ + ____________________________.
Part II

4 Types of Conflict

Internal

Character vs ____________________________

External

Character vs ____________________________
Character vs ____________________________
Character vs ____________________________

Influences on a Character’s Behavior

Write the correct term for each definition below:

____________________________ long-term characteristics
____________________________ short-term emotional reactions
____________________________ desires and goals that the character wants to achieve

Backstory is ____________________________________________________________

Character Types

A character foil is ___________________________________________________________.

Write the correct term for each definition below:

_________Round characters a. characters who don’t experience internal change
_________Flat characters b. complex characters with a variety of personality traits
_________Static characters c. characters who grow and change during the story
_________Dynamic characters d. characters who only show very few personality traits

Interpreting our character’s story

Theme is ________________________________________________________________.

An allegory is ____________________________________________________________.