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The Rules for Characters in Literature

Part One: What I Think

While working on the How Tall is YOUR Character project, we've been discussing characters quite a bit – the characters we love, the ones we don't love, our history with different characters, why we love certain characters, etc. After all of this thinking and doing... what do you think are some TRUTHS about characters?

We'll get started on this list together, but then I'd like you to think about what you think are some of your personal ideas about characters from literature. Talk to a shoulder partner about your TRUTHS and then jot down a few!

Example: Characters are what attract people to a story.

Part Two: What an Expert Thinks

Read the article Miss Kelly will give you. It's an opinion on characters from a professional author. Based on what this author thinks, what do you think professionals believe to be TRUTHS about characters? Use your other shoulder partner for this task!

Example: Characters are a very important part of a story.

Part Three: Create Rules

With all this talk and thinking about characters, I'd like you to create a set of RULES that you feel should govern all literature characters. A RULE is a principle that holds true for all things in a topic. We'll start on this challenging task together and then we'll see where it takes us!

Part Four: Top Ten

Imagine that you have to write a Top Ten list which would be given to all authors of children's literature. The title of the list is: The Top Ten Attributes of Beloved Characters. What would be on your list?
