

Literary Character Traits

We determine the traits of characters in literature the same way we determine characteristics of real people. We look at what each person does, what he says, how he acts and reacts, and what he seems to think. As you look for the traits of a character, find the words in the text that help you make that determination. The following is a partial list of character traits. Keep it for future use.

adventurous	cooperative	happy	proactive
affectionate	deceptive	honest	quarrelsome
ambitious	determined	informed	reliable
authoritative	dishonest	kind	reserved
brave	disloyal	loving	resourceful
caring	disrespectful	loyal	rude
charismatic	domineering	mean	selfish
charming	entertaining	patient	sincere
confident	faithful	persistent	tough
considerate	greedy	pessimistic	unforgiving