

7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

In stories there are main and minor characters, and those characters have traits that allow the reader to have a visual image of them, or understand an action taken.

Objective: In your summer reading assignment you will read a novel and identify the main and minor characters' external and internal traits, by citing the external and internal traits of the main and minor characters throughout your novel reading.

In *The Hunger Games*, Katniss Everdeen would be the main character, and her sister Primrose Everdeen would be a minor character.

Internal Trait Examples:	External Trait Examples:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kind• Forgiving• Persistent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tall• Black hair• Blue eyes

Your choice of novels are as follows:

- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *Bad Boy* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

In addition, you will interview a family member to identify your external and internal traits.

This packet contains a reading log for your scheduled reading, graphic organizers for the characters' traits, and an interview sheet.

Directions: Pick a novel from the list above. Fill out your reading log daily and have your guardian sign off, as you read fill out your graphic organizer of characters' traits for minor and main characters (citing¹). Lastly, interview a family member for your character traits.

The summer reading assignment will serve as your first assignment grade, and your reading log will serve as your first homework grade.

¹ An example of citing, "I'm no Spartan and hold up an anemic wrist to prove it" (Cisneros 44).

Character Traits Organizer

Main/Minor	External/Internal	Text Evidence	Explanation
<i>Esperanza-Main</i>	<i>External</i>	<i>"I'm no Spartan and hold up an anemic wrist to prove it" (Cisneros 44).</i>	<i>This evidence shows an external trait of Esperanza as a small girl.</i>

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Interview

_____ Interviewer _____ Interviewee
(your name) (family member)

1. What are some external traits you would use to describe me (name at least five)?	2. What are some internal traits you would use to describe me (name at least five)?
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Reflection

Directions: Write a reply to both questions, stating whether you agree or disagree with statements from your interviewee (i.e. I agree that I am tall and handsome.) You may add traits in your reflection that were not stated by your interviewee.

External:

Internal: