

Finnie Walsh - Mind Map

If we could take a look inside your character's head, what would we see?

To demonstrate your understanding of one of the characters in the novel, you will be working in a small group to create a mind map - a visual and written portrait illustrating several aspects of your character's interior life within the literary work.

Requirements:

- 6 character traits
- 3 visual symbols
- 6 significant quotes by or about your character
- Representation of your character's motivation and values (What is the most important goal for your character? What drives his/her thoughts and actions?)
- Paragraph explaining why you designed your mind map the way you did

Suggestions for representing your character's motivations and values:

1. **Virtues and Vices** - What are your character's most admirable qualities? His/her worst? How can you make us visualize them?
2. **Colour** - colours are often symbolic. What colour(s) do you most associate with your character? Why? How can you effectively work these colours into your mind map?
3. **Symbols** - What objects can you associate with your character that illustrate his/her essence? Are there objects mentioned within the work itself that you could use? If not, choose objects that especially seem to correspond with the character.
4. **Conflicts** - With whom or what does your character struggle? Another character? His/her own personality and decisions? Unfortunate events? Fate? How might you illustrate these conflicts?
5. **Mirror, Mirror** - Consider both how your character appears to others on the surface and what you know about the character's inner self. Do these images clash or correspond? What does this tell you about the character?
6. **Peaks and Valleys** - Identify the high and low points of your character's life within the work, and determine the causes (events? characters?) and effects (mental distress? drastic measures?) of these peaks and valleys
7. **Changes** - How has your character changed within the work? Trace these changes within your text and/or artwork

Evaluation:

This project will be given a mark out of 20, based on your level of creativity, analysis, and textual accuracy.