

Eng5.5 b Visual Aid

Character development involves recognizing the traits of a character which affect the actions they take. The visual aid below organizes information in a format which students can follow to determine development of a character's impact upon the events in a story.

Trait	Meaning	Example
Appearance	how a character looks, moves, walks, etc.	Lorena is almost six feet tall, and she moves with an unusual grace.
Actions	what a character does	Lorena tutors younger students.
Motives	why a character does something	Lorena enjoys helping others and knows how it feels to stand out.
Emotions	how a character feels	Lorena is confident and comfortable with herself.
Dialogue	what a character says	Lorena told Lola, "I know you can do it."
Relationships	how a character interacts with other characters	Lorena walked Lola through the word problem.
Other characters	what other characters think, feel, and say about the character	Lola was grateful to her friend and tutor, Lorena.
Changes	how a character grows throughout the story	Though Lola once hated math, Lorena helped it become her favorite subject.