

building character

Essential Questions:



How do writers represent characters?
How do I present myself to others?

Goals

Students will

1. Understand how authors depict characters
2. Analyze their own character
3. Read and write with a focus on word choice (diction) and detail (*Voice Lessons*)
4. Learn and use vocabulary words associated with character
5. Review and expand understanding of the parts of speech

Core Readings

“Raymond’s Run” by Toni Cade Bambara

“The Treasure of Lemon Brown” by Walter Dean Myers

Summer Novels: *Slam*, *Stargirl*, *The Golden Compass*, *Touching Spirit Bear*, *Speak*, *The Uglies*

Assignments

1. Letter to Ms. Murphy
2. Summer Novel Character Analysis
3. Characterization in “Raymond’s Run”
4. Characterization in “The Treasure of Lemon Brown”
5. Vocabulary Word Walls
6. Parts of Speech MadLibs
7. *Voice Lessons* #1-3 (Introduction, Diction, Detail)
8. Daily & Reading Journals

Major Assessments

- Summer Novel Quiz
- Characterization & Vocabulary Test
- Parts of Speech Test