

What is a Character Trait?

Grade Range: 1st – 6th grade **Time:** 30 Minutes

Synopsis: Adopters read a book with the students and then identify and discuss character traits of a character in the story. This activity can also teach students about positive and negative character traits and how to treat other respectfully. It will also help students with their listening and comprehension skills.

Materials:

- Children's book or short story
- Character trait handout
- Markers, pens or any writing utensil

Instructions:

1. Read a story out loud with your students. You can read the story to them for the younger grades, or have the students take turns reading sections out loud.
2. Pass out Character trait graphic organizer.
3. Explain the definition of a character trait.
4. Ask the students to each select one character from the story and identify 5 character traits, writing each trait in one of the bubbles on the handout.
5. Discuss each trait with your students. Explore why the student chose that trait and if it is a positive or negative trait and why?
6. If time permits, you can choose additional characters or talk about character traits in particular celebrities, athletes, family members, or TV/film characters that the students identify with.

