

AP Literature & Composition

Characterization

An author creates characters by three means: description, action and dialogue.

Use the table below as a pre-writing tool to help analyze characters, choose four characters from *1984* and record description, action and dialogue from the text that helps establish the character. In the last column, record your thoughts or analysis of this character based on the description, action and dialogue. For a 100% grade, record twelve entries. You may have multiple entries for one character. For extra credit, record additional entries, up to eight.

| Character | Description | Action | Dialogue | Analysis |
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| Big Brother | "...about forty-five, with a heavy black mustache and ruggedly handsome features." | | | Dark, middle-aged, imposing figure. Intimidating. |
| Winston Smith | Thirty-nine, and had a varicose ulcer above his right ankle. | Went slowly (up the stairs), resting several times on the way. | | Winston is in poor physical condition |
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