

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO ARTS LINK

with Miss Alicia

WHAT IS STORY?

TELLING OUR OWN TALES

OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the ArtsLink Program with Miss Alicia and the creative writing and storytelling we will be practicing over 20 weeks.
- In discussing our favorite stories and why we like them, students will observe how much they already know about how stories work.
- Begin study of character traits with example from Wizard of Oz and note character traits are revealed through behavior.
- Understand difference between emotions and character traits
- Teachers will share lists of character traits with students and help them select a combination of positive, negative & neutral traits.

Lesson may carry over to week two.



MATERIALS

FOR THIS LESSON

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- Writers always have a notebook (paper) & pencil close at hand so we can write down good ideas before we forget them!
- Use a dedicated ArtsLink folder to save writing and drawings so you don't lose them.
- Blank person outline graphic organizer is available for teachers to share with students as we begin our study of character traits.



Making Plays with Miss Alicia

Opening activity

Theatre stretching
warm up.



PASS OR PLAY!

OUR FAVORITE STORIES ARE ...

DISCUSS

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THESE STORIES THAT WE LIKE?

STORY APPEAL

- Characters
- Theme or lesson (justice)
- Setting / world
- Magic
- Emotional effect
- Connection (familiarity)
- Learning – other perspectives
- Entertainment (excitement & adventure)

VOCABULARY

WORDS WE USE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT STORIES

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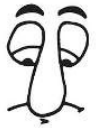
- PROtagonist or main character
 - (hero) wants something but has to overcome challenging obstacles to get it
- ANTagonist or villain
 - (shadow) creates conflict
- Supporting characters
 - teacher, temptation, messenger, clown, guard, ally (friend)
- Ensemble story

- Character traits - words that describe character's personality or qualities that make them who they are

CHARACTER **FEELINGS** are *fleeting*



joyful
excited
amused
hopeful
satisfied
proud



sad
guilty
hurt
ashamed
depressed
miserable
lonely
bored



mad
jealous
stubborn
angry
frustrated
enraged
furious
irritated



scared
rejected
confused
discouraged
embarrassed
nervous

CHARACTER **TRAITS** are *tried & true*

energetic
playful
creative
dreamer
delightful
friendly
extravagant
daring
adventurous
curious
funny
humorous
carefree
generous
cheerful

powerful
faithful
patriotic
confident
bold
independent
ambitious
courageous
loyal
intelligent
optimistic
valuable
respected
hard-working

content
humble
pensive
thoughtful
resourceful
respectful
responsible
considerate
cooperative
serious
studious
loving
trusting
honest
sentimental
nurturing
thankful

bashful
timid
shy
gullible
inferior
apathetic
lazy

demanding
hostile
rude
conceited
disagreeable
selfish
hateful
critical
skeptical
mischievous
troublemaker
cunning
helpless
submissive
gentle
weak
dainty
insecure
foolish
anxious
naive

The WON-
DERFUL
WIZARD
OF
By L. Frank Baum
With Pictures by
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What do the characters do in this scene that tells us who they are?



POSITIVE Character Traits

A character trait is a way to describe someone. It is their personality. These change slowly or may stay the same throughout a story.

Active	Fair	Patient
Admirable	Faithful	Peaceful
Adventurous	Fearless	Perseverant
Affectionate	Flexible	Persistent
Agreeable	Focused	Pleasant
Ambitious	Forgiving	Polite
Appreciative	Friendly	Popular
Athletic	Fun-loving	Relaxed
Attentive	Funny	Reliable
Brave	Generous	Respectful
Brilliant	Gentle	Responsible
Calm	Glamorous	Self-reliant
Capable	Gracious	Sensitive
Careful	Hardworking	Sincere
Charismatic	Helpful	Skillful
Charming	Honest	Smart
Cheerful	Honorable	Sociable
Clever	Hopeful	Strong
Compassionate	Humble	Studious
Confident	Humorous	Sweet
Conscientious	Imaginative	Tactful
Considerate	Independent	Talented
Cooperative	Intelligent	Tasteful
Courageous	Kind	Tenacious
Courteous	Knowledgable	Thoughtful
Creative	Logical	Tolerant
Curious	Loving	Trusting
Daring	Loyal	Trustworthy
Dedicated	Lucky	Understanding
Dependable	Mannered	Unselfish
Disciplined	Mature	Useful
Easygoing	Modest	Valiant
Educated	Observant	Versatile
Efficient	Optimistic	Warm-hearted
Energetic	Organized	Wise
Enthusiastic	Passionate	Witty

NEUTRAL Character Traits

These traits are not necessarily positive or negative. Often they may depend on the context.

Bold	Mysterious	Sarcastic	Strange
Clumsy	Obedient	Sassy	Talkative
Competitive	Precise	Secretive	Thrifty
Determined	Protective	Serious	Timid
Fidgety	Proud	Shy	Tough
Fierce	Quick	Silly	Unpredictable
Inactive	Quiet	Sly	
Insistent	Rambunctious	Spontaneous	
Meticulous	Restless	Stingy	

NEGATIVE Character Traits

Aggressive	Distractible	Intolerant	Superficial
Argumentative	Evil	Irrational	Thoughtless
Arrogant	Foolish	Irresponsible	Touchy
Babyish	Forgetful	Lazy	Uncaring
Bossy	Greedy	Mean	Uncontrolled
Bratty	Grouchy	Moody	Uncooperative
Careless	Guilty	Noisy	Unfriendly
Childish	Gullible	Nosy	Unreliable
Cold-hearted	Hateful	Obnoxious	Violent
Conceited	Hopeless	Paranoid	Vulgar
Cowardly	Ignorant	Pessimistic	Weak
Critical	Immature	Picky	Weird
Cross	Impatient	Rowdy	
Cruel	Impolite	Rude	
Dangerous	Impulsive	Selfish	
Deceitful	Inconsiderate	Sneaky	
Dishonest	Insensitive	Snobbish	
Disloyal	Insincere	Strict	
Disrespectful	Insulting	Stubborn	

MISS ALICIA IS...

CURIOUS,
CLUMSY,
AND
CREATIVE.



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ongoing extension activity

Ask friends and family to share a story with you – either one of their favorites or one from their own life.

What can we learn from sharing stories?

