

Lesson 1 Task 1

Character Analysis

Directions: While reading “The Life You Save May be Your Own,” think about either of the main characters, Mrs. Crater or Mr. Shiftlet and answer the following questions as they relate to the specific character.

Character: _____

1. Identify the primary goal of the character and support your response with specific details from the text.
2. Explain the theme of the story. How do the characters’ words and actions contribute to the development of the theme? Support your answer with ideas from the text.
3. Use information from the text to support an explanation of how the character manipulates the other main character to accomplish his or her goal.
4. Cite specific examples of how the other main character responds and reacts to this character’s words and actions.
5. **Grotesque characters** in literature are characters who have become morally objectionable or bizarre through their obsession with an idea or a value, or as a result of an emotional problem. Explain whether the character is a grotesque character. Support your answer with specific details from the text.