

Holes
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UNIT 2 (Chapters 13-26)

Preview

Literary Analysis: Characters

Characters are a major part of any story, along with things like setting and plot. To create a life-like world in a novel, an author must be able to create characters that seem real, that interact with each other in realistic ways, and that have characteristics that the reader can relate to.

As you read, think about the ways in which Sachar has created realistic characters. As yourself questions like “Which character do I relate to the most? Why?” “Which characters change throughout the story and which characters change?” “How do the relationships between characters reveal more about who they are as people?” These are all questions that can help you to consider the role that characters play in building a realistic story.

American Culture: 4th of July

In this section of the book, the 4th of July is mentioned. The 4th of July is an important holiday in America, as it celebrates the independence of the British colonies from Britain. Because of this, the 4th of July is also sometimes called Independence Day. It was the day the America separated from Great Britain and became it's own country, with it's own constitution and laws.

The 4th of July is celebrated with outdoor meals call picnics, bar-b-queing, and of course fireworks after the sun goes down. It is a time when Americans reflect on what it means to be an American. Here is what a 4th of July celebration might look like:



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_\(United_States\)#/media/File:Fourth_of_July_fireworks_behind_the_Washington_Monument,_1986.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(United_States)#/media/File:Fourth_of_July_fireworks_behind_the_Washington_Monument,_1986.jpg)



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_\(United_States\)#/media/File:Fourth_of_July_Cake.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(United_States)#/media/File:Fourth_of_July_Cake.jpg)



http://www.usafederalholidays.com/independence_day.html

Vocabulary

<p>Shotgun (shell)</p>	 <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shotgun#/media/File:Winchester_1897.jpg</p> <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shotgun_shell#/media/File:44_extra_long_shotgun_cartridge.jpg</p>
<p>Cowboy boots</p>	 <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cowboy_boot#/media/File:Roper_Boot.jpg</p>

<p>Turquoise</p>	 <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turquoise#/media/File:Turquoise.pebble.700pix.jpg</p>
<p>Pickup truck</p>	 <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pickup_truck#/media/File:1961_International_C-120_4x4.JPG</p>
<p>Wheelbarrow</p>	 <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheelbarrow#/media/File:2008-07-15_Construction_wheelbarrow_at_Duke.jpg</p>

Pitchfork



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pitchfork#/media/File:CompostBinTube_wb.jpg

Sunflower



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helianthus#/media/File:A_sunflower.jpg

Venom (n.)

The toxic poison in a snake bite

Mole



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mole_\(animal\)#/media/File:Talpa_europaea_MHNT.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mole_(animal)#/media/File:Talpa_europaea_MHNT.jpg)

Peach



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peach#/media/File:Autumn_Red_peaches.jpg

Onion



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Onion#/media/File:Mixed_onions.jpg