

## Incoming Juniors (non AP)

Required:

*Scarlet Letter*

Nathaniel Hawthorne

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*Huckleberry Finn*

Mark Twain

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### Complete the following: Character Analysis

- Identify evidence about the character (words, actions, reactions).
- Use quotation marks around quotes and cite page numbers.
- Based on the evidence, make an inference about the character.
- Write commentary that explains how and/or why the evidence leads to or supports the inference.
- Use the journal to write a character analysis essay.
  - The inferences become the basis for assertions (thesis statements and topic sentences).
  - The best evidence is integrated into student writing for textual support of assertions.
  - The commentary is expanded and developed.

Choose a passage from a text you are reading that seems to you to indicate a certain tone. The student example is based on the first paragraph from “The Scarlet Ibis” by James Hurst.

#### Doodle

Evidence	Inference—Commentary
<p>"His eyes were round with wonder as he gazed about him, and his little hands began to stroke the rubber grass. Then he began to cry" (191).</p> <p>"My lies were scary, involved, and usually pointless, but Doodle's were twice as crazy. People in his stories all had wings and flew wherever they wanted to go" (193).</p>	<p><u>Sensitive, appreciative</u> – Doodle reacts emotionally to the wonders of nature; moved to tears of joy at the beauty of simple things. He is attuned to nature and in awe of its beauty.</p> <p><u>Imaginative, dreamer</u>– Doodle's fantasies reveal his vivid imagination as well as his desire to be able to move freely and easily. Through his imagination he can escape the physical handicaps that hold him down in real life.</p>

**You must complete a character analysis for two of the following. Choose one character from each novel:**

- *Scarlet Letter*      Dimmesdale  
                                 Hester  
                                 Pearl  
                                 Chillingworth
- *Huckleberry Finn*      Jim  
                                 Huck

**Analysis must be based on quotations from the two required text you are reading and analyze them using the format above. Be sure to select 10 pieces of evidence for each character that indirectly describes a character, evidence that shows what he or she says or does, how he or she acts or reacts, and what other characters say about him or her (you will have a total of 20 entries).**