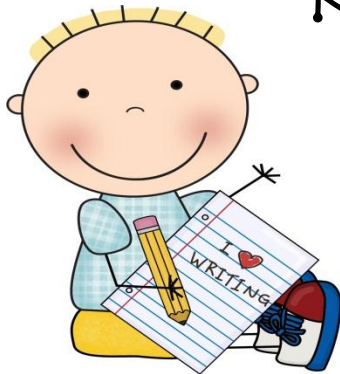Teacher's Toolbox
for the
Common Core Standards
Reading Resources

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Character Traits Teaching Tools
Poster & Graphic Organizer

Teacher Notes

- I created this little poster and graphic organizer as a way to help simplify character traits for your students, while actually helping them think more in depth about a character. Often it's easy for them to say a charter is nice or mean, etc. I found breaking it down having the students really look into the things the characters say and do help them to delve deeper into finding more in depth character traits.

- The poster is an easy visual to show them to help them remember to think about both what the character says and does when looking for a character trait. I even have students relate this to real life, by thinking about themselves or someone when they know when thinking about finding character traits. This is also a great way to also mention inferencing because they have to infer from the characters words and actions a character trait.

- The graphic organizer chart can be used with any story. The students use it to provide evidence of a characters words and actions to support the character traits they use to describe the characters. You can also use this chart to review or teach synonyms and antonyms by having the students look for synonyms and antonyms of the character traits.

- I also included a quick activity that can help you differentiate this lesson. For you more advanced students give them the character development sheet to have them develop a character and write a story using chosen character traits!

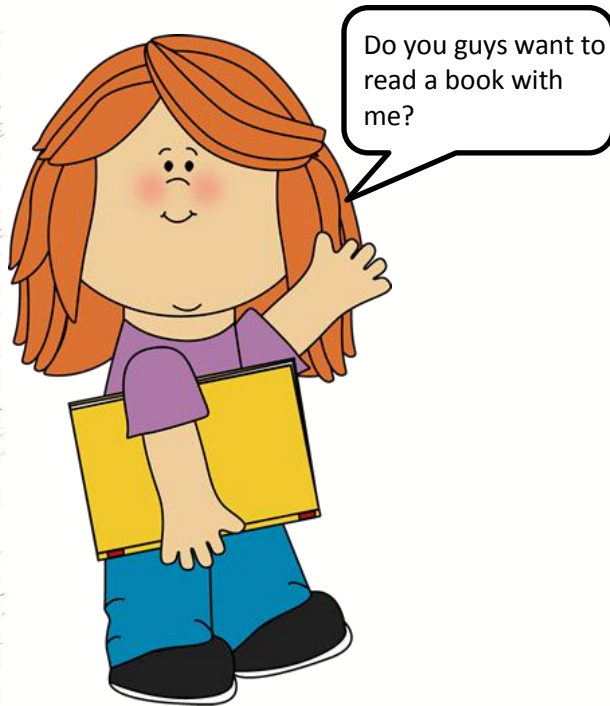- I hope this little set can help support your character trait lessons!

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Character's Words + Character's Actions = Character Trait

Do you guys want to read a book with me?

The character asks some other children to read a book with her.

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She shares her book with the other children.

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She's friendly, nice, and thoughtful.

Name:_____ **Character Traits Chart**

Story Title: Character's Name:_____

Character's Dialogue (Things the character says)	Character's Actions (What the character does)	Character Trait (An adjective that describes the character's actions and words)

Create your own Character!

*Think of a few character traits you would want a main character in your story to have. Then create a story where that character exhibits those character traits you have chosen. You can use the space below to copy down your ideas for your story. Write the rough draft of your story on notebook paper when you are ready!

Thank you!

- I'm working to create a Common Core Teacher's Toolbox of resources for both RLA and Math for myself. As I create these tools I am posting them to my TPT store and my blog. For now, I making somewhat general resources that can be used across several grade levels to help support your teaching of the Common Core Standards. Please follow me, as I will be listing most of the tools I create as freebies!

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