Strategic Instruction in Grade 9-10 Literature: Analyzing Characters Module

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Specifically designed to target the following Common Core English Language Arts Standards for Reading Literature:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.1 *Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.*

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.3 *Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.*

Can also be used when teaching…

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.1 (Argumentative writing)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.2 (Expository writing)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.1 (Listening & Speaking: working collaboratively)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.2 (Listening & Speaking: integrating multiple sources of information)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.3 (Evaluating speaker's point of view)

This module features three **Tier 1 Stratagems** (designed for grade level instruction) and two **Tier 2 Stratagems** (designed for building fundamental analysis skills), each focusing on a critical dimension of the authors' use of characters. Each Stratagem includes ready-to-use DVT Power Point slides, DVT fillable PDF forms, DVT rubrics, and lesson plans, as well as samples of how teachers have used them.
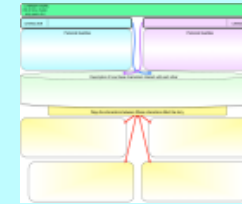
Tier 1 Stratagems

Character Analysis

Features analysis of a character's personal qualities as well reactions to an event and drawing inferences about both.

Motivation Inferences

Features drawing inferences about a character's motivations and response to challenges based on explicit text information.

Character Interactions

Features analysis of how key characters interact as well as the impact on the plot.

Tier 2 Stratagems

Character Features

Features analysis of a key character's features / personal qualities

Character Inferences

Features analysis of a key character's features in a manner that differentiates them from explicit information provided by the text.