

Character Rating Scale

What is a Character Rating Scale and why is it important?

A Character Rating Scale helps students make judgments about characters in a story and then justify their opinions with support from the text.

How can I use a Character Rating Scale with my students?

After reading a story, distribute a Character Rating Scale for one or more characters. To develop the scale, list characteristics or traits pertaining to a character on the left side of the form and opposite traits on the right. Ask students to rate each character by putting a check mark on one of the spaces separating the opposite traits. A check mark on the space next to the trait indicates that the character has the trait. A check mark in the middle of the scale indicates that the character is not strong on either trait. Students then justify the rating by writing down the character's actions that support the rating. Following is an example of a Character Rating Scale for *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*.

Wolf

Characteristic	Scale					Opposite Trait
Devious	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Straightforward
Justification: He pretended to need sugar so he could get into the houses of the three little pigs.						
Clever	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dull
Justification: He tried to present a different slant to the story, but he was not clever enough to make people believe him.						
Creative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unimaginative
Justification: He tried to think of a good reason for breaking into the pigs' houses.						
Honest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dishonest
Justification: Although he was honest about eating the pigs, the rest of his story was a lie.						



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