

Character Motivation Student Activity Sheet

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- **Character motivation** is the reason or reasons behind a character's behavior.

Directions: Think about character motivation in the book that you are reading. Then, complete these activities:

1. In the left column of the chart below, write the names of at least two characters from the book. In the middle column, next to each character's name, list something important that the character did. In the right column, explain the motivation behind that behavior.

Character	What Did He or She Do?	Why Did He or She Do It?

2. Human emotions are often the motivation behind characters' actions. The chart below lists some emotions that often motivate characters. For each, decide if there is a character in the book who is motivated by that emotion. If there is, insert the character's name in the center column, next to the emotion. In the right column, insert an example of behavior that shows the character's motive. Use the empty rows at the bottom to list any additional emotions that motivate characters in the book.

Motivation	Character	Resulting Behavior
love		
compassion		
loyalty		
greed		