

## Core Skills Analysis

### English

- Nathan practiced reading fluency and comprehension by engaging with a chapter from the novel 'Private Peaceful'.
- He developed analytical skills by identifying and discussing the traits and motivations of characters within the story.
- Nathan enhanced his ability to summarize key information and recall details accurately in his character recap.
- By focusing on character analysis, he refined his critical thinking about narrative elements and perspectives.

### Tips

To deepen Nathan's understanding of character analysis, encourage him to create character profiles that include physical descriptions, feelings, conflicts, and developmental changes throughout the story. Role-playing scenes or writing diary entries from a chosen character's point of view can provide experiential insights into motivations and emotions. Additionally, discuss with Nathan how characters' decisions impact the plot to connect analysis with broader storytelling techniques. Exploring themes alongside characters will also help him see how personal traits contribute to the novel's message.

### Book Recommendations

- [Private Peaceful](#) by Michael Morpurgo: A poignant novel exploring the experiences of a young soldier in World War I, rich with complex characters and emotional depth.
- [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio: A heartfelt story about empathy and character, offering opportunities to analyze protagonists and their growth through challenges.
- [Holes](#) by Louis Sachar: An engaging novel featuring layered characters whose traits and backgrounds unravel through an intriguing plot, perfect for character study.

### Learning Standards

- Reading Comprehension: Developing understanding of narrative structure and character (Ireland English Curriculum: Strand 1, Element 1.3)
- Speaking and Listening: Recapping and discussing character traits enhances oral communication skills (Strand 3, Element 3.1)
- Writing: Summarising information supports writing competency (Strand 2, Element 2.1)
- Critical Thinking: Analyzing motives and character development aligns with higher-order thinking skills (Strand 1, Element 1.4)

### Try This Next

- Create a detailed character chart including traits, motivations, and key events influencing Nathan's chosen character.
- Write a short diary entry or letter from the perspective of a character Nathan analyzed to explore internal thoughts and feelings.

### Growth Beyond Academics

Nathan's focused work on character analysis suggests growing curiosity about human behavior and empathy. This activity likely supported his confidence as he articulated his understanding and engaged critically with the story, fostering independent thinking.