

Welcome, Twilight Fan! Analyzing Character and Theme

Let's dive into the world of Forks, Washington, and use your interest in the Twilight saga to sharpen your reading analysis skills! Today, we'll explore characters and themes just like a literary detective.

Materials Needed:

- Your copy of 'Twilight' by Stephenie Meyer
- Notebook or paper
- Pen or pencil

Activity 1: Character Deep Dive - Bella Swan

Readers connect with characters for many reasons. Let's examine Bella Swan. Reread Chapter 1, 'First Sight,' and Chapters 4-5 where Bella starts interacting more with Edward.

In your notebook, answer the following:

1. Describe Bella's personality in your own words based *only* on these early chapters. Use specific actions or thoughts from the text to support your description.
2. What seems to motivate Bella's actions and curiosity, especially regarding Edward?
3. How does the author show us Bella's feelings rather than just telling us? Find one example of indirect characterization (showing, not telling).

Activity 2: Theme Hunt - Forbidden Love & Choice

Twilight explores some big ideas, called themes. Two prominent ones are 'forbidden love' and 'choice'.

Skim through the book (or think back if you remember it well!) and find:

- Two examples or quotes from the text that illustrate the theme of 'forbidden love' between Bella and Edward. Explain briefly why each example fits the theme.
- One example of a significant 'choice' Bella makes. What are the potential consequences of this choice mentioned or implied in the text?

Activity 3: Mapping the Story Mountain

Every story has a structure. Let's think about the main plot points of 'Twilight'. Briefly outline the following in your notebook:

- **Exposition:** Who are the main characters, and where/when is the story set? (Think beginning)
- **Rising Action:** What main conflict is introduced? What events build suspense?
- **Climax:** What is the most exciting point, the turning point of the story? (Hint: It involves danger!)
- **Falling Action:** What happens immediately after the climax?
- **Resolution:** How does the main conflict get resolved (at least for this book)?

Wrap-up Discussion:

Think about what you discovered:

- Did analyzing Bella closely change how you view her character?
- How do the themes we discussed make the story more interesting?
- Does understanding the plot structure help you appreciate how the story unfolds?

Great job digging deeper into 'Twilight' today! You've practiced essential reading skills that you can use with any book you read.