

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to analyze characters and their motivations in "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin.

Materials and Prep

- Copy of "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin
- Notebook or paper
- Pencil or pen

Activities

1. Read Chapters 1-3 of "The Westing Game" independently.

Take notes on the main characters introduced and their initial motivations.

2. Discuss your notes with a parent or guardian.

Share your thoughts on the characters and their motivations.

3. Choose one character from the story and create a character analysis poster.

Include the character's name, physical description, personality traits, and their motivations.

Use quotes from the text to support your analysis.

4. Present your character analysis poster to your parent or guardian.

Explain your reasoning behind your analysis and provide examples from the text.

Seventh Grade Talking Points

- "The Westing Game" is a mystery novel written by Ellen Raskin.
- It is set in a fictional town called Westingtown.
- The story revolves around the mysterious death of Samuel W. Westing, a wealthy businessman.
- There are sixteen heirs who are potential beneficiaries of Westing's fortune.
- Each heir is given a set of clues and must solve the puzzle to win the inheritance.
- The characters in the story have different motivations for wanting to win the game.
- Some are motivated by greed, while others have personal reasons for wanting the money.
- Throughout the story, the characters' motivations and relationships with each other are revealed.
- As readers, we analyze the characters' actions and words to understand their true motivations.
- By analyzing the characters, we can make predictions about the outcome of the game and the identity of the culprit.