

# CHARACTER SKETCH

## CLASS 10+1

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# MEANING

The word character sketch consists of two words – character and sketch. Character means reputation

- Sketch means a portrait or a drawing.

# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHARACTER SKETCH AND AN ESSAY ON A PERSON

# ESSAY

- While writing an essay, we are free to use our own imagination about a person.
- Mostly the good qualities are talked of.

# CHARACTER SKETCH

- We are confined to the nature of the character what the writer has portrayed in the story, novel or a play.
- Both good and bad aspects of a person are discussed.



# **CHARACTER SKETCH OF GRAND MOTHER**

# WHAT DO WE NEED?

- Text book : 'I Am The People'

Text from the lesson

The Portrait Of A Lady

By

Khushwant Singh

# Points to be described

- Name/ full name
- Age
- Family
- Physique: face, hair, fat/ slim,  
strong/ weak,  
attractive



# Point to be described

- Dress
- Habits/routine
- Relations with family/society

# Name and age

- Khushwant Singh's grand mother in 'A Portrait Of A Lady' is very old and widow.
- Khushwant Singh has always seen her as an old lady only.
- So he hardly believes her to be young and beautiful.



# Clue words

- Grey
- Wrinkled
- White
- Rosary
- Holy books

# PHISIQUE

- Her face is a criss- Cross of age lines.
- Her grey hair usually remain scattered on her puckered face.

# PHISIQUE

- She is fat, short and has a stoop.
- She can not walk straight so she hobbles with hand on her waist to balance her stoop.

# FAMILY

- She belongs to a punjabi family and lives with her son, daughter in-law and her grandson .

# Religious

- She goes to the temple daily.
- Reads holy books.
- Tells the beads of the rosary.
- She also wishes that her grand son could learn prayers by heart.





## Very Kind

- Very kind to the dogs she feeds them with chapaties.
- Feeds the sparrows and enjoys their company.

# Good companion

- Helps his grand son to get ready for school.
- Helps him in his lessons.
- Accompanies him to the school.
- very sincere and dutiful.

# Culture loving

- She loves Indian culture, fond of singing and spinning
- Hates western and scientific education.

# Peaceful nature

- Calm and cool
- Does not show resentment
- Instead, she becomes quiet and private.

# GLOSSARY

- Wrinkles- lines of aging on the face
- Pretty- attractive and pleasant
- Revolting- unpleasant, disgusting
- Absurd- completely ridiculous
- Undignified- ungraceful
- Fables- traditional short stories

# GLOSSARY

- Hobbled- to walk with difficulty
- Stoop- Bent
- Rosary- String of beads used to count prayers
- Puckered – wrinkled
- Inaudible- That you can not hear
- Prophets- messenger of God

# GLOSSARY

- Serenity- calmness
- Scriptures- holy books
- Seclusion- being private
- Frivolous- silly and amusing
- Sagging – bending down
- Pallor- pale coloring