

CHARACTER SKETCH

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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 Rahim Khan

WHAT DO WE NEED?

- Text book : 'Stories, Plays And Tales Of Adventure'

Text from the lesson

Sparrows

By

K.A.Abbas

Points to be described

- Name/ full name
- Age
- Family
- Occupation
- Physique: strong/ weak,
attractive, hobbies, ambitions

Point to be described

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

Name and age

- Rahim Khan is a middle aged farmer.

FAMILY

- He belongs to a Muslim family.
- His father is a farmer.
- His mother loves him very much.
- After his marriage, he lives with his wife and two sons Nuru and Bundhu.
- The house in which he lives is gaunt and aloof.

PHYSIQUE

- Rahim Khan is tall, broad and strong even at the age of fifty.
- When he was young, he was the best player of kabbaddi, wrestling and athletics in his village.
- He was very attractive and handsome in his youth.

NATURE

- **Ambitious:**
- He is very ambitious. He has two ambitions in his youth.
- His first ambition is to marry his beloved Radha, a Hindu girl.
- His second ambition is to join a touring circus.

NATURE

Ambitions not fulfilled:

- Being a Muslim, his father does not allow him to marry a kafir.
- His father is a land lord so, he dislikes joining a lowly job like a circus.

NATURE

Serfdom: slavery

- Serfdom runs in his blood.
- Though very vigorous and ambitious but can not have the courage to disobey his father and gets married to a Muslim girl of his parents' choice.
- Compromises and carries on with the family profession.

NATURE

Cruel:

- As his ambitions are not fulfilled his nature gets totally changed.
- Then he becomes cruel to the family, society and even the animals.
- He beats his wife mercilessly.
- Even his two sons Nuru and Bundhu leave him because of his cruelties.

NATURE

Hard working:

- He is very hard working.
- When his wife leaves him alone, he himself manages the fields as well as the household.
- He works hard to repair the leaking roof despite heavy rain.

NATURE

Compassionate:

- Naming the little ones of sparrows after his own sons, Nuru and Bundhu shows his affection with his own sons.
- His love and sympathy with the family of the sparrows show that he has a human soul in him.

NATURE

Basically good and kind:

- When he tries to wreck the nest of the sparrows, the way the sparrows fight for the safety of their little ones reminds him of his own family and he drops the idea of damaging the little birds.
- Running away of the village children on seeing him, hurts him.

Conclusion

- Rahim Khan is an ordinary farmer's son, young and full of dreams in his eyes.
- Fortune does not favour him.
- He falls prey to the religion, tradition and the society he lives in.
- It is the behavior of his parents and the society which is responsible to make him cruel harsh and aloof.

GLOSSARY

- Haughty: boastful
- Unfriendly: not kind, not pleasant
- Peasants: farmers
- Hilarious: very funny
- Gossip: informal talk
- Cautious: careful
- Whispers: to speak very quietly

GLOSSARY

- Vanished: disappeared
- Tread: walking sound
- Hard-hearted: giving no importance to the feelings
- Cruelties: acts of causing suffering
- Straying: wandering aimlessly
- Compassion: pity, mercy
- Gaunt: without any decoration

GLOSSARY

- Aloof: at a distance
- Gruffly: in harsh manner
- Grin: to show teeth while smiling
- Seething: agitating
- Inward: internal
- Wrath: anger
- Mused: thought

GLOSSARY

- Embittered: made bitter
- Grievances: complaints
- Ambitions: desires, wishes(noun)
- Career: occupation
- Soul mate: special friends who understand each other's feelings
- Vanquishing: defeating

GLOSSARY

- Adversary: an enemy, an opponent
- Furtive: secret
- Lowly: humble
- Immoral: not good and virtuous
- Youthful: vigorous
- Resentment: anger
- Toyed: planed

GLOSSARY

- Rebellion: an act of rebelling
- Serfdom: slavery
- Indignant: angry
- Severity: harshness
- Defy: to disobey
- Gaudy: showy
- Terrible: frightful

GLOSSARY

- To avenge: to take revenge
- Frustration: disappointment
- Confused: thrown into disorder
- Illogical: without logic
- Persecution: punishment
- Wreak: revenge

GLOSSARY

- Vengeance: revenge
- Iron: mercilessness, hardness,
- Hitherto: till now
- Ill-treated: to treat some one in a cruel way
- Shunned: avoided, turned away
- Gnawing: wearing away, tormenting
- Docility: passive obedience

GLOSSARY

- Wreck: to destroy, to ruin
- Screaming: crying
- Threateningly: intending to punish
- Resumed: restarted
- Bruised: injured by a blow