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“Understanding Drama” Worksheet

Literary Term	Definition	Class example	My own example
Character	A person, animal, or thing in a work of literature.		
Costuming	Props or clothing used to create a character’s wardrobe. Costuming usually fits the personality of the character.		
Sets	The physical location and description of the play. There are usually many backgrounds used on a set.		
Plot	The story line of the play. A plot must include a complication(s), rising action, climax, and a resolution.		
Lighting	The effects of light on a stage or set of a play.		
Analysis	Breaking down a piece of literature so that it can be understood.		

Characterization	The process of creating a character including: words, actions, thoughts, appearance, other peoples' thoughts and perceptions about the character.		
Main Character	The character that is represented in the story the most. The plot usually revolves around this character.		
Minor Character	One of the characters represented in the story, but not the main character.		
Protagonist	The leading character of a drama or play whose rival is the antagonist.		
Antagonist	The character in conflict with another main character in a drama or play. The antagonist is usually considered the villain.		
Conflict	A struggle between opposing forces: usually internal or external conflict.		
Internal Conflict	A struggle within the character		

External Conflict	A struggle against another character, idea, organization, etc.		
Complications	Things that the character must consider before solving or dealing with a conflict.		
Climax	A high point of the story, such as where a character must make a big decision.		
Motivation	The reason characters behave in a certain way.		
Strengths	The positive qualities and characteristics in a character.		
Weaknesses	The negative qualities and characteristics in a character.		
Figurative Language	Any metaphors and/or similes used by the character.		