

# CHARACTER ANALYSIS ASSIGNMENT

## What is a Character Analysis?

A character analysis studies a character in order to fully understand that character. Fully understanding a character requires:

- ☐ Knowing what the character looks like and how his/her appearance affects him/her and others.
- ☐ Knowing what a character does and why.
- ☐ Knowing what a character says, how, and why.
- ☐ Knowing what a character thinks and feels, why he/she thinks and feels that way, and how it affects him/her and others.

*\*Notice that a character analysis always considers a character's motivations, interests, goals responses to conflict and change, and relationships.*

## Instructions:

- ☐ Write a paragraph that analyzes one of the major characters in *Valkyrie*
- ☐ Provide at least three examples that describe what the character is like. Consider the character's actions, dialogue, and motivations.
- ☐ Include with your paragraph this sheet.

## STEPS TO WRITING your paragraph (use the provided cheat sheet for each step):

1. Select which character you want to analyze.
2. Brainstorm and write down everything you know about that character: things he said, things he did, how he treated others, his motivations, his thoughts and feelings, his goals and interests, etc.
3. Based on everything you know about the character, decide on three examples that best describe the character.
4. Write a clear topic sentence to start your paragraph. Try to achieve a level of depth and breadth. The following is an example of a topic sentence:

*Miss Von Stauffenberg is a kind-hearted individual who, although having good intentions for Claus and her children, incorrectly places too much trust in her husband.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Character Analysis: Cheat Sheet

Character: \_\_\_\_\_ Actor: \_\_\_\_\_

Quotes or examples of actions (minimum of three):

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Things the character did:

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How the character treated others:

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The character's motivations/goals:

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The character's thoughts/feelings:

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