**Support for Questions about Character**

Sample GCSE Question**: From this extract, what do you learn about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

Revision Tasks for Y11:

1. Choose a random extract from *Of Mice and Men / Animal Farm.*
2. Copy the question above and choose one character to analyse.
3. Choose one trait below and find a supporting quotation in the extract.
4. Analyse the quote.
5. Repeat. For each character you should aim for three – four different traits. Try to look for *different sides* to their personality / a *contrast* between appearance and actions. Remember, there is more than one side to your personality, you charming, slovenly, loyal teenager...the same is true of the characters constructed by Steinbeck and Orwell!

Mrs Gilbert

**EXAMPLE PARAGRAPH, using an extract from Chapter 4**

* Firstly, Curely’s wife is presented as an **outsider.** This is evident at the start of her cruel attack on the men left behind, *"they left all the weak ones here”.* Ironically, she is including herself in this statement. By using “all”, she inadvertently highlights that she is also one of the weak ones and, in the patriarchal world of ranch workers, very much an outsider.
* You would then choose another trait and analyse as above.
* Then one more.

Then onto the next question.

Sample Character Traits

able

active

adventurous

affectionate

afraid

alert

ambitious

angry

annoyed

anxious

apologetic

arrogant

attentive

average

bad

blue

bold

bored

bossy

brainy

brave

bright

brilliant

busy

calm

careful

careless

cautious

charming

cheerful

childish

clever

clumsy

coarse

concerned

confident

confused

considerate

cooperative

courageous

cowardly

cross

cruel

curious

dangerous

daring

dark

decisive

demanding

dependable

depressed

determined

discouraged

dishonest

disrespectful

doubtful

dull

dutiful

eager

easy-going

efficient

embarrassed

encouraging

energetic

evil

excited

expert

fair

faithful

fearless

fierce

foolish

fortunate

foul

fresh

friendly

frustrated

funny

gentle

giving

glamorous

gloomy

good

graceful

grateful

greedy

grouchy

grumpy

guilty

happy

harsh

hateful

healthy

helpful

honest

hopeful

hopeless

humorous

ignorant

imaginative

impatient

impolite

inconsiderate

independent

industrious

innocent

intelligent

jealous

kindly

lazy

leader

lively

lonely

loving

loyal

lucky

mature

mean

messy

miserable

mysterious

naughty

nervous

nice

noisy

obedient

obnoxious

old

outsider

peaceful

picky

pleasant

polite

poor

popular

positive

precise

proper

proud

quick

quiet

rational

reliable

religious

responsible

restless

rich

rough

rowdy

rude

sad

safe

satisfied

scared

secretive

selfish

serious

sharp

short

shy

silly

skilful

sly

smart

sneaky

sorry

spoiled

stingy

strange

strict

stubborn

sweet

talented

tall

thankful

thoughtful

thoughtless

tired

tolerant

touchy

trusting

trustworthy

unfriendly

unhappy

upset

useful

warm

weak

wicked

wise

worried

wrong

young