Grade Level: **Grade 8**

Title:

Character Development in Modern & Biblical Literature

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OTHER SUBJECTS – LITERATURE AND RELIGION – GRADE 8 - CATHOLIC
LESSON TITLE: Character Development in Modern & Biblical Literature

LITERATURE LESSON CONCEPT

- Character development

GOAL OF LITERATURE LESSON

- Students will be able to identify major characters within a piece of literature.

- Students will be able to identify supporting characters within a piece of literature.

OUTCOME EXPECTED

- Students will analyze and explain the contributions of these characters to the plot.

- Students will analyze and explain in both oral and written form.

RELIGION LESSON CONCEPT

- Character development: Moses

GOAL OF RELIGION LESSON

- Students will be able to identify God and Moses as major characters in the Book of Exodus.

- Students will be able to identify supporting characters in the Book of Exodus.

OUTCOME EXPECTED

- Students will recognize, analyze, and understand the importance of Moses within the Catholic Faith.

- Students will recognize, analyze and state the importance of Moses in both oral and written form.

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MATERIALS NEEDED

- Literature book or novel

- Graphic organizer

- Access to computer

- Access to internet

LITERATURE METHODOLOGY

- **SELECT BOOK:** For example: The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

- **READ** the book.

- **CREATE** literature circles to select main and supporting characters.

- **CREATE** web using graphic organizer.

- **DISCUSS** similarities (compare and contrast) the roles these characters play.

- **EXPLAIN** the reasons for the selection of characters within their literature circles.

- **PRESENT** their perspective to the rest of the class.

- **DEBATE** protagonists vs. antagonists.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Bible – Book of Exodus

- Access to computer

- Access to internet

- Graphic organizer

RELIGION METHODOLOGY

- **SAY:** We are going to use the Bible to study character development. We are going to use the Book of Exodus. When you read, watch for the main and supporting characters.

- **HAVE** the students read the Book of Exodus – either in its entirety or selected sections.

- **HAVE** the students do the reading of Exodus.

- **HAVE** the students use the graphic organizer for note taking.

- **CREATE** literature circles to select the main character and the supporting characters.

- **DISCUSS** similarities (compare and contrast) the roles these characters play.

- **EXPLAIN** the reasons for the selection of characters

OPTION: How do these conflicts relate to you personally? (oral or written form)

- **POSIT:** Every story has a message. The message of this selection is _____. How we apply the message can help us develop our own character.

within their literature circles.

- **PRESENT** their perspective to the rest of the class.

- **DEBATE** protagonists vs. antagonists.

- **ASK:** How was Moses as a child?

- **ASK:** What event in Moses life moved him from his Egyptian upbringing into his Hebrew life?

- **ASK:** How did he slowly become an instrument in God's hands?

- **ASK:** What kind of person was Moses in the last part of his life?

- **DISCUSS** the character of Moses as a prefiguring of Jesus.

- **ASK:** What did Moses do or say that prefigures Jesus as the Messiah?

- **WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT:** How do the conflicts Moses faced relate to you personally?

- **POSIT:** Moses is a prefiguring of Jesus, the Messiah. Just as Moses was sent to rescue God's people, so Jesus was sent to rescue and redeem God's people. Moses faced a difficult life. Jesus faced a difficult life. Moses doubted God; Jesus trusted God even unto death. How we apply the message of the life of Moses can help us develop our faith character.

LITERATURE LINKS	RELIGION LINKS
	www.christiancourier.com/...a-character-portrait-of-moses
	One of the prominent characters of the Bible is the Hebrew prophet, Moses. His name is found some 750 times in the Old Testament and in the New Testament approximately 80….
	www.hannahscupboard.com/character-moses.html
	Character study: Moses – Humility "Now the man Moses was very humble, more than…Moses is one of those larger than life characters in the Old Testament….
	http://diane-laney-fitzpatrick.suite101.com/teaching-the-old-testament-a28683
	Teaching the Old Testament Catholic Lesson discuss….what they think the characters were thinking and feeling in each story. The Prince of Egypt movie was the story of Moses.

KEY WORDS

- CHARACTER

- SUPPORTING CHARACTER

- PLOT

- CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- CONFLICT

KEY WORDS

- OLD TESTAMENT

- EXODUS

- MOSES

- AARON

- PHARAOH

- RED SEA

- TEN COMMANDMENTS

- PREFIGURE

- MESSIAH