

Book Club Focus Assessment and Rubric

Name: _____

Character Development Because of Winn-Dixie
Book Club Focus Assessment

Directions: Use what you know about character development in *Because of Winn-Dixie* to answer each of the following questions.

Match each character to their description.

Loyal, friendly, big heart	Preacher
Kind, wise, blind	Gloria Dump
Quiet, sad, loving	Winn-Dixie

Why is the book called "Because of Winn-Dixie" ?

Who is the main character in this book? How do you know?

Circle Opal's character traits. (may choose more than one)

red-head	friendly
funny	afraid of the
lonely	determined

Match each of the people in Opal's life to their identity.

Winn-Dixie	Father
The preacher	Librarian
Miss Franny Block	Dog

Why does Gloria Dump have a tree full of bottles?

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Focus Assessment for
Character Development



Answer Key Because of Winn-Dixie
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Why is the book called "Because of Winn-Dixie" ?

Answers will vary. Sample answers include: The book is called "Because of Winn-Dixie" because everything that happened to Opal that summer was because of Winn-Dixie.

Who is the main character in this book? How do you know?

Answers will vary. Sample answers include: Opal is the main character in the book. I know because she is the one telling the story and she is the character we learn the most about.

Circle Opal's character traits. (may choose more than one)

red-head	friendly
funny	afraid of thunder
lonely	determined

Match each of the people in Opal's life to their identity.

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Why does Gloria Dump have a tree full of bottles?

Answers will vary. Sample answers include: Gloria Dump has a tree full of bottles to remind her of her mistakes. She hears them clank and is reminded not to repeat her mistakes.

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Answer Key



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Student: _____ Date: _____

Levels	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Secure
Correct Answers	0 – 1 Correct	2 – 3 Correct	4 – 5 Correct	6 Correct
Specific Skill: Character Development	Was not able to or is beginning to describe how characters are developed in a text.	Is able to show how characters are developed in a text some of the time.	Is able to show how characters are developed in a text most of the time.	Is able to show how characters are developed in a text all of the time.

If student is less than secure, he or she needs to work on the following:

- ☐ Identifying and describing characters in a text
- ☐ Providing specific details when describing a character
- ☐ Recognizing what a character says, thinks, or does
- ☐ Identifying primary and secondary characters

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Rubric with Optional
Common Core Alignment

