



PEF Summer, *At Home Edition* – Lesson Plan

Class: Story Telling	Grade Band: 2-5
Teacher: Musick	Lesson: Characters Must Grow
Objectives: Students will understand that the main character in a story must grow in order for the reader to stay interested in their journey.	Materials: White paper, crayons or markers
Process: Step 1: Introduce the vocabulary words. Step 2: Explain that the main character in a story must go through a change or transformation to make a story interesting. This is how authors hook their readers and make them want to finish the story. The reader wants to know what happens to the main character at the end. One way to explain this would be to describe the main character as a seed. The author plants the seed and throughout the story the reader gets to watch it break through the soil and grow and finally at the end it blooms into a flower. If the author planted the seed, but it never grew, the reader wouldn't be interested in the story. Step 3: Students will draw a picture of a flower showing the roots under the soil all the way to the petals of the flower. They will divide the flower into 3 sections. The first section will be the roots. They will then use these sections to describe a character they have made up. The character traits listed by the roots should be the character at the beginning of the story. The traits at the top will be the character at the end. For example, maybe at the beginning of the story the character is very afraid of the dark but at the end they show courage by looking for their lost dog in a forest at night.	
Vocabulary: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Protagonist -- the main character in a story2. Character Growth -- how a fictional character changes and grows in a story	



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