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Inquirer

1st Simple Definition: We try to learn by asking questions and seeking answers.

Complex Definition: We are very curious and wonder about the world, working independently and collaboratively we seek to learn the answers to our questions

Quotes on Being an Inquirer

1. It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.— Albert Einstein
2. Self-education is, I firmly believe, the only kind of education there is. — Isaac Asimov
3. For me, I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you. — Neil deGrasse Tyson
4. Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers. — Voltaire
5. The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge. — Thomas Berger
6. Going online and asking questions is the best way to learn. —Tom Felton
7. The important thing is to not stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.—Albert Einstein

Inquirer Vignettes

Decide which characters model being inquirers:

- After watching a documentary about penguins, Steve wanted to learn more about them. He thought about asking his mom to take him to the library so he could check out penguin books but after thinking about it, he decided he'd rather play video games.
- For a fifth grade science project Gillan needed to complete a report about sharks. While looking for information about sharks online, she saw a picture of a jelly fish with a link to a website. This piqued her curiosity, so she clicked on the link and spent the next two hours reading about jellyfish.
- On a walk home from school, Tad noticed that different trees had different leaves. He picked up a leaf from each tree. At home, he asked his dad why the leaves were different. His dad said they were from different trees. Tad then asked what type of trees they were. His father didn't know, so Tad asked his dad if they could go to the nature center to find out. Tad's dad said he was busy and maybe they could go another time.
- Mirie's mom was looking through one of her old photo albums with pictures of Mirie's aunts, uncles and grandparents. Mirie's mom asked Mirie if she would like to look at the pictures too. Mirie said, "No, I'm not really interested in that stuff."

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Inquirer Narrative

Create a list of things you have asked questions about and things you have learned about.

Asked Questions About	Learned About

Now using an idea from your list, write a personal narrative that shows you being an inquirer.

Single Character Inquirer Analysis- Version 2

Partners: _____

Title of Book: On a Beam of Light

Character: _____

Your definition of being an inquirer:

Examples of character being an inquirer

Was this character an inquirer?

1. Define what a being inquirer is
2. State opinion about the character
3. Examples - for each example show:
 - a. What makes you say so? (What is your evidence)?
 - b. So what? (Why is your evidence important?)
4. Restate opinion

Single Character Inquirer Analysis- Version 2

Partners: _____

Title of Book: Three Questions

Character: _____

Your definition of being an inquirer:

Examples of character being an inquirer

Was this character an inquirer?

1. Define what a being inquirer is
2. State opinion about the character
3. Examples - for each example show:
 - a. What makes you say so? (What is your evidence)?
 - b. So what? (Why is your evidence important?)
4. Restate opinion

Single Character Inquirer Analysis- Version 2

Partners: _____

Title of Book: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

Character: _____

Your definition of being an inquirer:

Examples of character being an inquirer

Was this character an inquirer?

1. Define what a being inquirer is
2. State opinion about the character
3. Examples - for each example show:
 - a. What makes you say so? (What is your evidence)?
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4. Restate opinion

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Definition of word	Opposite definition of word
Word:	
Examples of word	Examples opposite of word

Directions for “Inquirer” Essay

1. Introduction: What is an inquirer?
 - a. Use a quote, question, story, or bold statement to make the reader interested
 - b. Provide a definition of being an inquirer
2. Which book character is an inquirer?
 - a. Name inquirer
 - b. Give examples of being an inquirer
 - c. How do examples show being an inquirer?
3. Which character from a movie or TV show is an inquirer?
 - a. Name inquirer
 - b. Give examples of being an inquirer
 - c. How do examples show being an inquirer?
4. Who is an inquirer from your life?
 - a. Name inquirer
 - b. Give examples of being an inquirer
 - c. How do examples show being an inquirer?
5. Are you an inquirer?
 - a. State your opinion
 - b. Provide evidence for your thinking

Please turn each question into a paragraph. Remember you can take risks and try different things with this essay. You can reorder the paragraphs. You can answer different questions for the paragraphs. You just need to show that you understand what an inquirer is.