The Importance of Characters

Purpose: Upon completion of this activity, students will understand the importance of characters and verbs to the clarity of their writing. This DLA should take approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours to complete.

Go to the WRC reception desk and ask to check out Joseph M. Williams’ Style: Lessons in Clarity and Grace. You will need a driver’s license or other photo identification to check this book out for use in the WRC.

1. Read Lesson 4.
2. Answer the following questions about your reading on a separate sheet of paper:
   a. What is a verb?
   b. Why should writers use action verbs in their sentences?
   c. What is a character?
   d. How do you diagnose problems with characters?
   e. How does the reading recommend dealing with abstract characters?
4. Before reviewing your answers with an instructor or tutor, use the space below to write any questions you still have about this lesson or your answers to the exercises:

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5. Bring the book and your completed exercises to an instructor or tutor to review. Have that person sign and date this sheet.

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Instructor/Tutor signature Date