Characterization Worksheet 1

Read these short descriptions of events. Identify a character trait that is revealed by each action (use a noun, or say “The person is adjective.”) Support your answer with an action from the text.

1. Jake is Cassie’s older brother. One day they are walking home from school when a cold front rolls in and the temperature drops 20 degrees. Cassie, who is wearing a T-shirt, starts to shiver. Jake takes off his hooded sweatshirt and offers it to her. She gratefully accepts, and Jake smiles.

What character trait does Jake demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

2. Craig is a football player training over the summer for next season. The coach demands that all players come in at 6:00 AM and lift weights until 8:00 AM, when practice begins. Craig gets there at 5:00 AM to begin his training.

What character trait does Craig demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

3. Anna volunteered to help Kylie clean her house. When Anna washed the mirrors, Kylie pointed out a few fingerprints, and asked her to redo them. Then, while Anna was sweeping, Kylie corrected her on her technique. "Don't just push the dirt around, Anna. SWEEP it," Kylie told Anna.

What character trait does Kylie demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

4. When Aaron entered the room, Leila ran her fingers through her hair and bit her fingernails. She became quiet and watched Aaron closely. She didn’t seem to hear when her friends asked her a question. That night, Corey got on Facebook and posted “LEILA IS BOY-CRAZY! She acts like an idiot and ignores her friends whenever a boy is around!”

What character trait does Corey demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

5. Kelvin found a wallet on the ground. He opened up the wallet and saw an old woman's ID card. Kelvin took the money out of the wallet, walked to the woman's house, and returned the wallet to her.

What character trait does Kelvin demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.
6. Jonathan invited a group of people over to his house. He then talked to them for hours about his car, his rare book collection, and his income. His friends did not enjoy their time at Jonathan's.

What character trait does Jonathan demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

7. Rocky's cousin brought him to a party. Rocky didn't know anyone at the party. Shortly after getting there, Rocky's cousin disappeared. Rocky made a lot of new friends at this party and had a great time.

What character trait does Rocky demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

8. The teacher asked Khadija what the answer was to the problem on the board. Khadija looked worried, then put her head down on her desk. After the teacher moved on to someone else, Khadija whispered to her friend that the answer was 26. Khadija was right.

What character trait does Khadija demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

9. After Mark's mechanical pencil ran out of lead, he asked Pete, who sat next to him, if he could borrow a pencil. Pete yelled, "No, Mark. If you didn't come prepared, why is that my fault? Bring TWO pencils to class! You can't have one of mine or you'll never learn your lesson."

What character trait does Pete demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

10. Scott doesn't talk much, but I know five different women who have asked me for his phone number. This is nothing new. Girls have liked Scott for as long as I can remember.

What character trait does Scott demonstrate? ____________________________________________

Explain your answer by referencing the text.