 Year 12 English Standard

Pygmalion character summary

Task – Read the character descriptions summary table below for understanding of character descriptions/personality. Brainstorm examples of other aspects a character profile might entail. Write these notes in your book.

| Main characters of Pygmalion | Role | Relationships | Conflicts | Significance |
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| Eliza Doolittle | Protagonist, poor flower girl who wishes to be rich and happy | Daughter of Alfred, experiment subject to Higgins and Pickering, possibly means more to Higgins | Cannot change her inner characteristics to suit the newly changed outer appearance. Argues with Higgins on this subject. | Is able to stay true to herself and to not conform to please society. |
| Henry Higgins | Antagonist, Professor of phonetics and tries to teach Eliza the proper ways of society | Friend to Higgins, wishes to be friends with Eliza | He tries to change Eliza's personality but she will not let him. He also has a hard time understanding women. | His actions show that no one can change another's character. |
| Colonel Pickering | Another researcher of phonetics | Friend to Higgins, and a friend to Eliza | Trying to get Eliza and Higgins to understand each other. | He did not change his morals to suit Higgins' needs. |
| Mrs Pearce | Motherly figure, and housekeeper | Protector of Eliza, and keeps Higgins in line | Has trouble in trying to reason with Higgins. | Is a role model to Eliza |
| Freddy Hill | Ideal image of a man at the time (to Eliza) | Has feelings for Eliza and over time, they marry | Argues with the people of his society on his choice of Eliza. | Gives hope to Eliza |