

Character-O-Grams

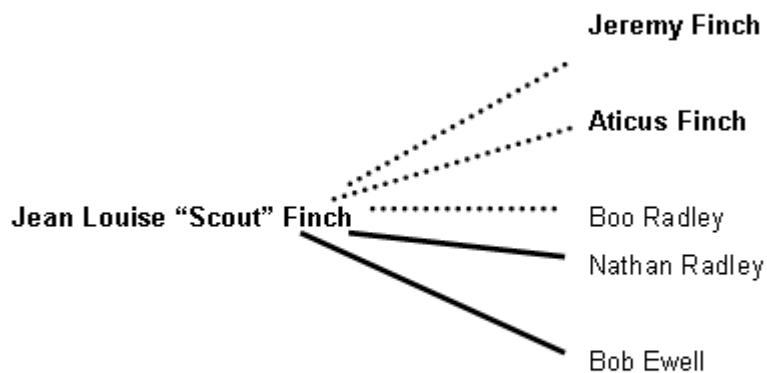
Purpose:

Encourages students to become active readers; aids them in understanding the relationships between characters in a narrative text.

Procedure:

1. Write main character's name in center of piece of paper.
2. Write the names of the other characters around the main character's name.
3. Attach the main character's name to the other characters' names through lines that are coded to reflect the type of relationship shared between the characters:
 - Friendly vs. Unfriendly
 - Constant vs. Changing
 - Etc.
4. Create a key that explains what the different connections mean so that others will understand the Character-O-Grams.
5. Show Character-O-Gram to students and explain how such a chart can help them to keep characters straight and to understand a story. Explain how they can create their own.

To Kill A Mocking Bird by Harper Lee



Key: = Friendly Relationship
 ———— = Unfriendly Relationship
 Bold = Family Members

More information on Character-O-Grams can be found in Linda L. Thistlethwaite's *Critical Reading Series Book B: Critical Reading Strategies: Questioning, Organizing, and Evaluating*.