

Group Members: _____

Casting *The Chrysalids*

You're in luck! After waiting patiently for years, your script for a movie adaptation of *The Chrysalids* has finally gotten the green light to be made into a big budget Hollywood block buster. The studio is phoning every day; they need you to come onto the set and use your expert knowledge of the book to cast the major roles.

The first step is determining the traits of each of the major characters of the novel by looking at how the author uses a process called **characterization** to create memorable details about personalities in the novel.

Characterization is accomplished through the following means:

- what the author states directly about the character
- what the character says and does
- what others say or think about the character
- how others act toward the character

Since the story of *The Chrysalids* is told by David - not the author or an all-knowing narrator - you must rely on the on the last three methods to gain information about the characters.

Directions

On the next page is a list of traits possessed by characters in the novel. In groups of three, decide which three traits best represent each character (you can use each trait for more than one character) and then support your choices with evidence from the text. Next, from the following list, decide which characterization method (or methods) was employed in each piece of evidence to reveal the trait you chose:

- a. What the character says or thinks
- b. What the character does
- c. What others say or think about the character
- d. How others act toward the character

Casting the Film

The final step will be choosing which actor you think would best fill that character role. Write a few sentences justifying your choice of actor in the light of the character traits you have chosen.

*You will hand in **one** completed set of character charts per group*

Traits:

Narrow-Minded
Compassionate
Sensible
Curious

Open-Minded
Honest
Shrewd
Persistent

Authoritarian
Proud
Obedient
Sensitive

Hardworking
Loving
Sympathetic
Brave

David Storm		
Trait	Evidence	How is the trait revealed
curious		
persistent		
sensitive		
Who would you cast and why?		

Characters:

1. David Storm
2. Petra Storm
3. Joseph Storm
4. Uncle Axel
5. Rosalind Morton
6. Michael
7. Gordon (The Spider Man)
8. Sophie Wender
9. The Inspector
10. The Sealand Lady