



Chapters 17-20

Looks Can Be Deceiving

Character Hot Seat

Suggested Duration: 1 to 2 50 min. periods

Lesson Objectives

Students will take on the persona of a character from the novel, explore the character in greater detail and facilitate a dramatic 'Hot Seat' performance.

Students will develop a deeper understanding of the main characters and their motivations.

Summary of Tasks/Actions

Lesson Planning:

1. Before the lesson students should have finished reading Chapter 20.
2. Students will choose a character from the novel and use their notes, text, and online research to complete the 'Hot Seat planning guide in preparation for a classroom presentation.
3. Students will be chosen at random to participate in the Hot Seat. Students will create questions for their teacher to ask them while in the Hot Seat. There may be multiple students acting as the same character.

Optional: Students not on the hot seat may ask questions of the characters. A student may also be the chosen to be the facilitator.

Materials/Equipment:

- Text
- Access to technology
- Handouts
- Optional: Costumes

HOT SEAT PLANNING GUIDE

Name of character:

Your age and physical appearance:

Your house, city/area, favourite place:

Your passions and deepest desires:

Your main goal:

Your biggest obstacles and problems:

Your biggest influences:

Your greatest strengths:

Your greatest weaknesses:

What word or two best describes you? Give examples of events from the text that demonstrate these traits:

What would you say to introduce yourself to others in an honest and open manner?

Identify two questions for your character to answer. These questions should not simply be content questions, such as "What Hogwarts House do you belong to?". Instead, think of more complex questions that rely on a greater understanding of the book and/or connections to your own experiences (i.e. for Harry: If you could see your parents one last time, what would you say to them?).

How will your character respond to these two questions? How do you know that these responses are realistic ones?