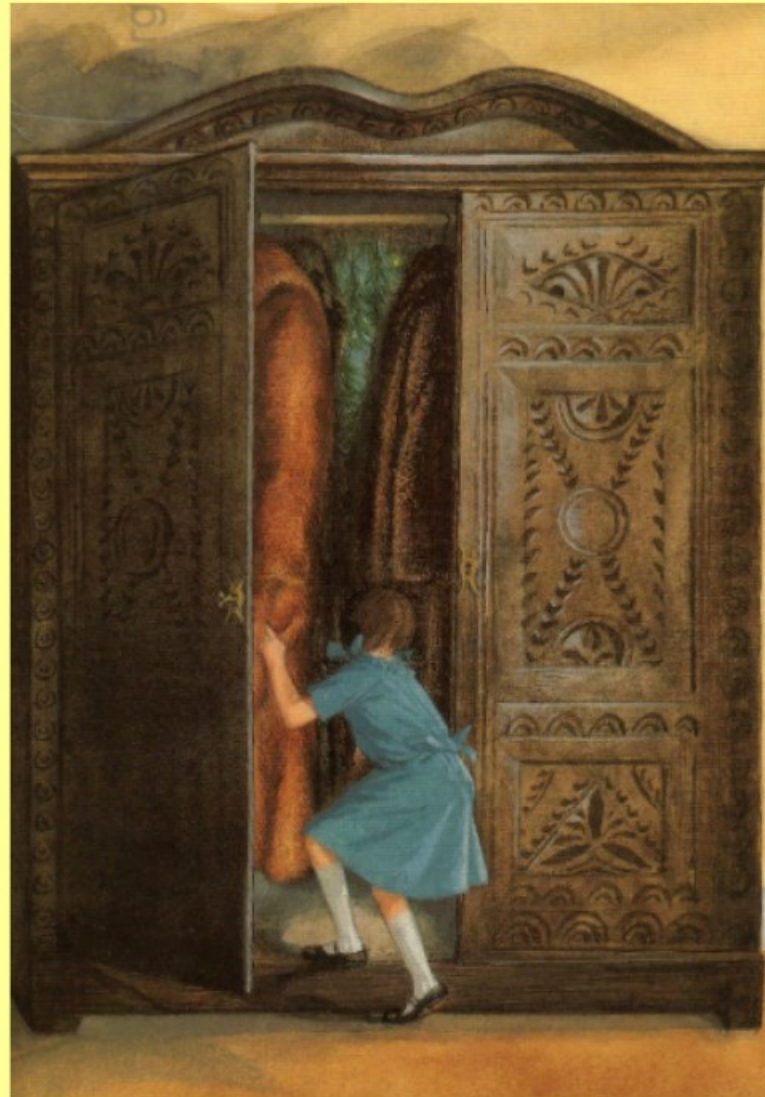


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Lucy from The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe

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Looking into the inside, she saw several coats hanging up - mostly long fur coats. There was nothing Lucy liked so much as the smell and feel of fur. She immediately stepped into the wardrobe and got in among the coats and rubbed her face against them, leaving the door open, of course, because she knew that it is very foolish to shut oneself into any wardrobe. Soon she went further in and found that there was a second row of coats hanging up behind the first one. It was almost quite dark in there and she kept her arms stretched out in front of her so as not to bump her face into the back of the wardrobe. She took a step further in - then two or three steps always expecting to feel woodwork against the tips of her fingers. But she could not feel it.



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"This must be a simply enormous wardrobe!" thought Lucy, going still further in and pushing the soft folds of the coats aside to make room for her. Then she noticed that there was something crunching under her feet. "I wonder is that more mothballs?" she thought, stooping down to feel it with her hand. But instead of feeling the hard, smooth wood of the floor of the wardrobe, she felt something soft and powdery and extremely cold. "This is very queer," she said, and went on a step or two further.

Next moment she found that what was rubbing against her face and hands was no longer soft fur but something hard and rough and even prickly. "Why, it is just like branches of trees!" exclaimed Lucy. And then she saw that there was a light ahead of her; not a few inches away where the back of the wardrobe ought to have been, but a long way off. Something cold and soft was falling on her. A moment later she found that she was standing in the middle of a wood at night-time with snow under her feet and snowflakes falling through the air.

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But how do we compare character?

Let's look at an example and compare two characters.

### A Woodcutter's Son



ow, Nikolas was a happy boy.  
Well, actually, no.

He would have told you he was happy, if you asked him, and he certainly tried to be happy, but sometimes being happy is quite tricky. I suppose, what I am saying is that Nikolas was a boy who believed in happiness, the way he believed in elves and trolls and pixies, but he had never actually seen an elf or a troll or a pixie, and he hadn't really seen proper happiness either. At least, not for a very long time. He didn't have it that easy. Take Christmas.

This is the list of every present Nikolas had received for Christmas. In his entire life.

1. A wooden sleigh.
2. A doll carved out of a turnip.

That's it.

The truth is that Nikolas's life was hard. But he made the best of it.

First: Nikolas from A Boy Called Christmas

Nikolas doesn't want to worry anyone

He wants to be happy and remain positive

Even though he is unhappy he knows you can be happy

His life has been difficult?

He has never had very much

Despite his troubles he tries to find the best in things.

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### Next: Harry from Harry Potter

Dudley's birthday -- how could he have forgotten? Harry got slowly out of bed and started looking for socks. He found a pair under his bed and, after pulling a spider off one of them, put them on. Harry was used to spiders, because the cupboard under the stairs was full of them, and that was where he slept.

*He sleeps in a cupboard*

When he was dressed he went down the hall into the kitchen. The table was almost hidden beneath all Dudley's birthday presents. It looked as though Dudley had gotten the new computer he wanted, not to mention the second television and the racing bike. Exactly why Dudley wanted a racing bike was a mystery to Harry, as Dudley was very fat and hated exercise -- unless of course it involved punching somebody. Dudley's favorite punching bag was Harry, but he couldn't often catch him. Harry didn't look it, but he was very fast.

*Dudley who lives there is spoilt in comparison to Harry*

*Dudley hits Harry and treats him badly*

Perhaps it had something to do with living in a dark cupboard, but Harry had always been small and skinny for his age. He looked even smaller and skinnier than he really was because all he had to wear were old clothes of Dudley's, and Dudley was about four times bigger than he was. Harry had a thin face, knobbly knees, black hair, and bright green eyes. He wore round glasses held together with a lot of Scotch tape because of all the times Dudley had punched him on the nose.

*Does he get enough to eat? Makes him seem unimportant*

*Has to wear Dudley's old clothing*

*He has broken glasses that have not been repaired*

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### Harry Potter

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### Summary

Nikolas and Harry both live difficult lives. Harry is treated badly and like Nikolas he doesn't have very much. It is hinted that Nikolas' life is very difficult but we know that Harry is hit by Dudley. Nikolas is a really positive character who tries to find the best in a bad situation but we don't really know how Harry feels. Harry doesn't seem to complain but we get the sense that, like Nikolas, he is unhappy.

Your turn....

a) Read back through the passages of *The Lion*, *The Witch* and *the Wardrobe* and make a note of what we learn about Lucy's character. What type of a person is she?

b) Choose a character from another book. A good example is Lil from *Secrets of the Sun King*. Lil and Lucy are very similar characters living in a very similar period of time. What is similar about their personalities? Can you spot any differences? Make a note under a heading of the character's name.

d) Present the two characters and compare them in one of the following ways:

- You could write a summary
- Record yourself giving a short video presentation.
- Draw a quick sketch of both characters and annotate around them.
- Use a Venn Diagram
- Come up with your own idea for presentation.