

Character Study:

Choose one of the following people to do your study on:

Abraham
Isaac

Jacob
Joseph

- a. Write a paper on this person (which will be handed in)
- b. Present a 10 minute summary (in character) to the class.

To Do:

1. Look up every reference to the person in the text.
2. Get a Bible Dictionary and read about the cultural and historical background in which he lived.
3. Locate the places in an atlas where the person lived and traveled, draw a map, showing same. (This to be handed in with paper)

Also develop a psychological profile, become a specialist in the life of that individual, so that if you met him on the street you would know him:

- What sort of person was he?
- -loving, kind, sensitive, angry, grateful, violent, genuine, diligent etc
- What attitudes and feelings did he have?
- What biases?
- What ambitions?
- What was his family background?
- - did he have a good relationship with them?
- - was he married? Did he have children?
- - how did he meet his wife eg? Did they love each other?
- What motivated him?
- How did he view God?
- How did he relate to God?
- How did he present God to those around him?
- What emotions does he show?
- - does he show any?

Some questions you could ask in relation to Joseph:-

Chapter 37

- What sort of son was Joseph?
- How did he 'fit' into the family?
- What was his relationship like with his brothers?
- Why?
- What becomes of Joseph?

Chapter 39

- Why was Joseph able to become a successful administrator for Potiphar?
- Unfairly jailed, Joseph rose to inmate administrator-Why?

Chapter 40

- How was Joseph able to interpret the dreams?

Chapter 41

- Why was Joseph brought out of prison eventually?
- What did this lead to?
- Why?
- How long was Joseph in Egypt before he was 2nd only to Pharaoh?

Chapter 42

- Why didn't Joseph reveal himself to his brothers?

Chapter 43

- How did Joseph see his original vision fulfilled?

Chapter 44

- How did Judah's action help make amends for his role in selling Joseph?

Chapter 45

- What was Joseph's response to Judah?
- What is so significant about his?

Chapter 46

- What action did Jacob (Israel) take?
- How does Joseph reassure his brothers, he means them no harm?

This is just as an example, you need to ask the same 'type' of questions on whatever person you decide to do.