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## Character Analysis Sample Essay Decomposition Scavenger Hunt

**Directions:** We are going to practice decomposition with the Character Analysis Sample Essay so you can think more deeply about, and more clearly understand, this awesome resource that has been provided for you.

### Decomposition of Introduction

*(Remember to think about what you may be expected to do in your essay)*

1. What do you notice about the opening, or first line of this paragraph?

2. Copy the punctuation around the character, Roger's, name. Grab the words before and after his name to fully show the punctuation.

3. How and why do you think Mrs. Jones's name has a different pattern of commas?

4. How was the short story title punctuated, and how does the punctuation of a BOOK TITLE differ from that?

5. What three character traits are highlighted in this essay, AND how are they presented? (Copy the character traits with the same punctuation used in the essay.)

6. What is the thesis statement in the introductory paragraph?

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### **Decomposition of Body Paragraphs**

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7. In body paragraph #1, find the quote about Mrs. Jones wanting to kick Roger in his “blue jeaned sitter” and copy how the citation is punctuated after the word sitter.

8. The person who wrote this essay didn’t just quote the text, but then explained how the quote related to the thesis statement. How did the author of this essay explain his or her using this quote in the first body paragraph? What was his/her explanation of the quote?

9. In the second body paragraph there is a citation in the middle of the sentence. COPY how it is punctuated between the quote and the end of the sentence.

10. There is one citation in body paragraph #3. Do you think that kind of citation is harder to easier to do than the citation you were asked about in question #9. Please explain your reasoning.

11. What transition word is used in the last body paragraph?

### **Decomposition of Conclusion**

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12. In the conclusion, how is the thesis statement restated? Write out the whole sentence.

13. How is Mrs. Jones’s character summarized in the conclusion?

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