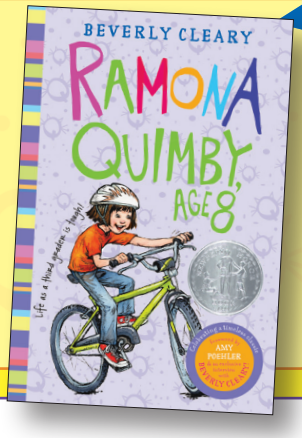
Character Poem

Select your favorite character from *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary and complete the activity below to discover your character's traits or personality. Pick a chapter and then pull words, lines, and phrases (ten in total) from the text that describe your character's thoughts and actions. Arrange this material into a poem. Then, write a three-word description of the traits that you discovered about your character from writing your poem. Read your poem aloud to your classmates after practicing with an adult.



Use the sample character poem and three-word description below as a guide.

Character Poem About: Ramona

So anxious not to be a nuisance to her teacher
Too miserable to raise her hand
Motionless, hoping the terrible feeling would go away
Terrible, horrible, dreadful, awful thing
Tears of shame welled in her eyes
Ramona had never felt worse in her whole life
Noses pinched between thumbs and forefingers
Nobody was a bigger nuisance than someone who threw up in school
A long, quavery sob
A supernuisance.

Ramona's Character Traits:

Determined, stubborn, concerned

(From chapter 6, "Supernuisance")

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_____'s Character Traits:

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CCSS — RL. 4.3 Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).
RF. 4.4b Read grade-level poetry orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.

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