**Character Analysis**

1. Looking at your sociogram of your play:

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| <https://www.cliffsnotes.com/literature/h/hamlet/character-map> | <https://www.cliffsnotes.com/literature/m/macbeth/character-map> |
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1. Select two characters to analyse.
2. The two characters I will analyse are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Create a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only play” [insert your character’s name in the blank]

Use the digital full text to search your character’s appearances in the play [ctrl f]. Copy and paste into the table below. Add your comments in the right hand column.

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|  | Act #  Sc # | Quote  (including Act#Scene#) | What this quote tells us about this character |
| Beginning |  |  |  |
| Middle |  |  |  |
| End |  |  |  |

1. Looking at the plot from your character’s perspective.

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| **Section** | **Key Questions** | Act 1 | Act 2 | Act 3 | Act 4 | Act 5 |
| **A** | What is happening for my character in particular?  List the events for him/her. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **B** | How does my character feel about these events? |  |  |  |  |  |
| **C** | Why does my character feel this way? |  |  |  |  |  |
| **D** | Identify the pivotal moment for my character (where everything changes from that moment forward. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **E** | What is my character feeling at this pivotal point?  Select feeling words from the list of feeling words at the end of this document.  (We are aiming for the most precise feeling words possible not just happy/sad) | Name the emotion.  My character feels \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, | Name the characters it involves.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  My character feels this way because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| **F** | Name the emotion and actions that your character has to get to at the end of your narrative insert (in order to come back into the logical sequence of the play). | My character has to feel\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  by the time he/she completes the action of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |  |
| **G** | Map the plot of your narrative | My character is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | At this point in the play he/she is located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | His/her main dilemma to resolve is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
| **H** | Tension in my narrative | **Beginning of my narrative**  At first my character is feeling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and thinking\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Middle of my narrative**  Fill this box in after you answer the box to your right.>  The steps my character takes to get to the climax of feelings and thoughts are:  1  2  3 | **Climax of my narrative**  At the climax he/she is feeling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and thinking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Denouement of my narrative**  After he/she has reached the climax, I will bring her/him back to the original script by explaining \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [\* check this against your answer in section F] |  |
| **I** | Row H forms the plot for your narrative. (Yay!) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **J** | Before you start writing create a Language Bank.  Online activity:  Go to the link and click on the “Match” option  <https://quizlet.com/63986374/figurative-language-quotes-in-macbeth-flash-cards/> | Go through the quotes you collected earlier and identify:> | Three symbols I could include in my narrative.  1.  2.  3. | Five uses of figurative language (including simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, alliteration, oxymoron, pun)  1.  2.  3.  4.  5. | If you want a quick recap of these in Shakespeare:  <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/examples-of-figurative-language-used-in-hamlet.html> | If you want to check the definition of particular figurative language devices:  <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/types-of-figurative-language.html> |

List of feeling words copied from <https://www.vocabulary.com/lists/535865>

[abandoned](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/abandoned)

forsaken by owner or inhabitants

*Adopted children must face issues of abandonment as they grow older.*

[accepted](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/accepted)

generally approved or compelling recognition

*He has been a wonderful guy from the start and has always****accepted****my oldest, even though he is not his biological father.   
—*[*Washington Post*](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/ask-amy-mothers-daily-check-ins-bother-fiancee/2014/10/31/51947de0-611f-11e4-9f3a-7e28799e0549_story.html)

[aggressive](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aggressive)

characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight

*But Bowser could appoint new and****aggressive****leaders in other city agencies, where Gray’s appointees have tended to be more cautious.   
—*[*Washington Post*](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/sea-change-not-likely-for-dc-under-the-muriel-bowsers-administration/2014/11/11/56a00abc-66b9-11e4-9fdc-d43b053ecb4d_story.html)

[alienated](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/alienated)

socially disoriented

*The more vigilant Allen was, the more resentful and****alienated****Nicholas became, and the worse things got.   
—*[*Class Matters*](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0805080554?tag=vocabularyc00-20)

[amazed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/amazed)

filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise

*White was****amazed****when around 500 people showed up.   
—*[*Washington Times (Nov 9, 2014)*](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/nov/9/50-years-later-the-broken-spoke-still-stands/)

[amused](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/amused)

pleasantly occupied

*"I can tell you, he's keeping his doctors****amused****."   
—*[*US News (Nov 6, 2014)*](http://health.usnews.com/health-news/articles/2014/11/06/nyc-ebola-patient-passing-time-in-isolation-playing-banjo-reports)

[anxious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/anxious)

causing or fraught with or showing anxiety

*When rumors have circulated that officers were about to clear the site, Chan has sought to calm****anxious****protesters.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-hong-kong-tiananmen-20141112-story.html)

[apathetic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/apathetic)

showing little or no emotion or animation

*“And some people are able to inspire otherwise****apathetic****young people to vote.”   
—*[*Forbes (Oct 21, 2014)*](http://www.forbes.com/sites/emilycanal/2014/10/21/how-politicians-can-win-back-the-young-voters-they-lost/)

[ashamed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ashamed)

feeling guilt or embarrassment or remorse

*Then,****ashamed****and embarrassed, he disappeared under a duvet and grieved.   
—*[*BBC (Nov 4, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/rugby-union/29886933)

[astonished](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/astonished)

filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise

*"Oh my God," he sputters, clearly****astonished****by the claim.   
—*[*BBC (Oct 18, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-29661615)

[aversion](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aversion)

a feeling of intense dislike

*One awareness patient, formerly a jazz aficionado, developed a bizarre****aversion****to the style after an awareness experience.    
—*[*Scientific American (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/alien-abduction-or-accidental-awareness/)

[avoidance](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/avoidance)

deliberately avoiding

*A small percentage use it for****avoidance****, to create a distraction, and an even smaller percentage use it to get attention.   
—*[*New York Times (Oct 30, 2014)*](http://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/10/30/why-teenagers-cut-and-how-to-help/)

[awed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/awed)

inspired by a feeling of fearful wonderment or reverence

*Who can forget being****awed****by the choreographed treadmill dance from “Here We Go Again”?   
—*[*Salon (Oct 27, 2014)*](http://www.salon.com/2014/10/27/ok_go_nails_it_again_with_this_spectacular_new_video/)

[awful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/awful)

exceptionally bad or displeasing

*Well, it's ugly, it's****awful****, but at least it's official.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/sports/clippers/la-sp-clippers-spurs-plaschke-20141111-column.html)

[bored](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bored)

tired of the world

*But she is too****bored****and depressed to sleep.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/12/arts/mets-lady-macbeth-of-mtsensk-stars-eva-maria-westbroek.html)

[confident](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/confident)

having or marked by assurance

*And Pierce,****confident****as ever, will not hesitate to shoot.   
—*[*Washington Post*](http://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/wizards-paul-pierce-i-feel-like-the-next-ones-always-going-to-go-in/2014/11/11/a0a861e4-69da-11e4-9fb4-a622dae742a2_story.html)

[confused](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/confused)

unable to think with clarity or act intelligently

*Veterans service organizations had braced for a flood of calls from****confused****veterans, but said so far they’ve not heard any complaints.   
—*[*Washington Times (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/nov/11/veterans-care-card-program-is-off-to-a-promising-s/)

[courageous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/courageous)

able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

*"To share in this way is****courageous****, powerful and generous," Dunham tweeted at the time, adding a link to Dylan Farrow's letter.   
—*[*Seattle Times (Nov 4, 2014)*](http://seattletimes.com/html/entertainment/2024949613_apxbooksdunham.html?syndication=rss)

[critical](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/critical)

marked by a tendency to find and call attention to flaws

*Try not to be too****critical****when assessing students' first drafts, but do focus on key places where they can improve.*

[depressed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/depressed)

filled with melancholy and despondency

*Hours of rehabilitation left him feeling****depressed****at times.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/sports/ucla/la-sp-ucla-receivers-20141112-story.html)

[despair](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/despair)

a state in which all hope is lost or absent

*At the end, in****despair****, Katerina drowns herself in a lake, dragging her rival with her.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/12/arts/mets-lady-macbeth-of-mtsensk-stars-eva-maria-westbroek.html)

[detestable](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/detestable)

offensive to the mind

*Instead of making him more likable, it made him more****detestable****and he ended up becoming passive-aggressive.   
—*[*Salon (Oct 19, 2014)*](http://www.salon.com/2014/10/19/jason_schwartzman_on_why_he_keeps_playing_neurotic_authors/)

[devastate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/devastate)

overwhelm or overpower

*In the aftermath of the quake, ordinary Italians were****devastated****and outraged.   
—*[*The Verge (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.theverge.com/2014/11/11/7193391/italy-judges-clear-geologists-manslaughter-laquila-earthquake-fear)

[disappointed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/disappointed)

sadly unsuccessful

*One mother, Koh Young-hee, said she was deeply****disappointed****and furious because she had hoped that all of the defendants would be sentenced to death.   
—*[*Washington Post*](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/s-korean-captain-sentenced-to-36-years-in-ferry-tragedy-families-want-death-penalty/2014/11/11/e6c2a185-d343-4f4d-b5d9-bb2dc993faad_story.html)

[disapproving](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/disapproving)

expressing or manifesting disapproval

*Orton was sitting at a table with friends beside a "rather stuffy American tourist and his****disapproving****wife."   
—*[*BBC (Oct 11, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-29566539)

[disillusioned](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/disillusioned)

freed from false ideas

*People were scared,****disillusioned****and confused, so they didn’t vote.    
—*[*Salon (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://www.salon.com/2014/11/10/i_was_a_conservative_coward_how_the_midterms_evoked_my_past_of_shame_terror_and_fox_news/)

[dismayed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dismayed)

struck with fear, dread, or consternation

*One side was euphoric, the other****dismayed****, but both foes and supporters of same-sex marriage swiftly turned their attention to the U.S.   
—*[*Washington Times (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/nov/7/joy-dismay-as-2-sides-assess-gay-marriage-ruling/)

[disrespectful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/disrespectful)

exhibiting lack of regard; rude and discourteous

*"It appears some****disrespectful****cowards spray painted their tagging crew and tagger names over the memorial," the police department stated on its Facebook page.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-man-arrested-veterans-memorial-tagging-20141111-story.html)

[distant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/distant)

remote in manner

*Her parents, though, were****distant****, and the young Jean soon developed the strong independent streak which has characterised her life.   
—*[*BBC (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-27888144)

[eager](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/eager)

having or showing keen interest or intense desire

*Democratic-primary voters are always****eager****to see a fresh potential candidate.   
—*[*The New Yorker (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/11/17/inevitability-trap)

[ecstatic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ecstatic)

feeling great rapture or delight

*"I was just so****ecstatic****to get the ring back."   
—*[*Chicago Tribune (Nov 6, 2014)*](http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/naperville-lisle/ct-ring-found-halloween-tl-naperville-20141106-story.html)

[embarrassed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/embarrassed)

feeling or caused to feel uneasy and self-conscious

*Together, they embrace then pull apart as if****embarrassed****by the physical closeness.   
—*[*Seattle Times (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/thearts/2024995865_directorschoicepnbreviewxml.html?syndication=rss)

[empty](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/empty)

void of emotion

*Instead I felt****empty****, and inside I wanted to cry.   
—*[*BBC (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/29972022)

[energetic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/energetic)

possessing or displaying forceful exertion

*Niall had been a goofy,****energetic****, creative kid who wasn’t quite sure what he wanted to do with his life.   
—*[*Washington Post*](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/before-he-was-a-marine-niall-coti-sears-was-a-musician--and-a-model/2014/11/11/d9a676f6-6693-11e4-9fdc-d43b053ecb4d_story.html)

[enraged](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/enraged)

marked by extreme anger

*When he returned home, he searched his wife’s cell phone and became****enraged****when he found a picture of another man, prosecutors said.   
—*[*Reuters (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/07/us-usa-new-york-murders-idUSKBN0IR2BQ20141107)

[excited](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/excited)

in an aroused state

*"Musically, visually, the image, the performance, everything aligned. I was very****excited****."   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/music/la-et-ms-nick-jonas-album-kingdom-20141112-story.html)

[frightened](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/frightened)

made afraid

*“If someone talks about using force, I am****frightened****,” she said.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 9, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/10/world/europe/on-a-memory-filled-date-the-fall-of-the-berlin-wall-stands-front-and-center.html)

[frustrated](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/frustrated)

disappointingly unsuccessful

*"But it still make me sad that I can’t speak well. I call my interpreter when I get****frustrated****."   
—*[*Reuters (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/12/us-baseball-dodgers-ryu-idUSKCN0IW0BU20141112)

[fulfilled](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fulfilled)

completed to perfection

*Cut to a shot of a walker shambling ever forward, presumably happy and****fulfilled****by his life’s “ambition” to eat another brain.   
—*[*Time (Nov 9, 2014)*](http://time.com/3574062/walking-dead-self-help/)

[furious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/furious)

marked by extreme anger

*White House officials were****furious****, calling Krone's behavior "unprofessional."   
—*[*Seattle Times (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/nationworld/2024993383_apxobamademocrats.html?syndication=rss)

[guilty](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/guilty)

showing a sense of wrongness

*Bonus points for having Unser actually feel****guilty****about taking a life.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/tv/showtracker/la-et-st-sons-of-anarchy-faith-and-despondency-recap-20141111-story.html)

[hateful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hateful)

evoking or deserving hatred

*Most people have been supportive, she said, but others have been****hateful****.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 9, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-ebola-nurse-20141110-story.html)

[hesitant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hesitant)

unable to act or decide quickly or firmly

*He is****hesitant****around me, kind of respectfully shy.   
—*[*The Help*](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0425245136?tag=vocabularyc00-20)

[hopeful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hopeful)

having or manifesting optimism

*His critique of Reaganism, published in 1986, missed what others plainly saw, that a genuinely****hopeful****spirit was animating the American right.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 9, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/10/arts/a-voice-still-heard-a-collection-of-essays-by-irving-howe.html)

[hostile](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hostile)

characterized by enmity or ill will

*They continued to back Mr. Dunkle, saying an independent investigation had found he had not created a****hostile****work environment, Bishop Sisk said.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/08/nyregion/new-york-seminary-bringing-back-7-professors-it-dismissed.html)

[humiliated](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/humiliated)

subdued or brought low in condition or status

*I felt****humiliated****in front of my colleagues and unmasked as a weak person not competent to manage difficult patients.   
—*[*Slate (Nov 9, 2014)*](http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/medical_examiner/2014/11/sub_human_pos_doctors_acronym_for_the_worst_patients_is_shpos.html)

[hurt](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hurt)

psychological suffering

*“It****hurts****me and it pains me. Paul is with him, but I sometimes feel like I’m failing as a mother.”   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/12/taking-pictures-raising-children/)

[ignored](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ignored)

disregarded

*Have you ever felt****ignored****for no reason at all?*

[important](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/important)

of great significance or value

*Giving children a time to present their work makes them feel****important****, which leads to their taking their work more seriously.*

[inadequate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/inadequate)

not sufficient to meet a need

*Watching your children founder in school can leave a parent feeling hopeless and****inadequate****.*

[indifferent](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/indifferent)

marked by a lack of interest

*A few staffers, though, seemed either****indifferent****or downright surly.   
—*[*Forbes (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://www.forbes.com/sites/erikaandersen/2014/11/07/is-your-business-losing-customers-look-to-the-little-things/)

[inferior](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/inferior)

of low quality

*We love watching the pros, but let's be honest, it can make us feel a bit****inferior****when it comes to our golf games.   
—*[*Golf Digest (Oct 16, 2013)*](http://www.golfdigest.com/blogs/the-loop/2014/10/video-watch-martin-kaymer-long-drive-putter.html)

[infuriated](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/infuriated)

marked by extreme anger

*The result was an act of parliament that, in attempting to satisfy everyone,****infuriated****millions.   
—*[*BBC (Nov 6, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-29934867)

[inquisitive](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/inquisitive)

showing curiosity

*Her older sister, Boedges added, “is an****inquisitive****girl, very talkative.”   
—*[*Washington Post*](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/two-people-die-in-arlington-fire/2014/11/04/c07144d6-6413-11e4-bb14-4cfea1e742d5_story.html)

[insecure](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/insecure)

lacking self-confidence or assurance

*I was so****insecure****, and I hated myself.   
—*[*Time (Nov 1, 2014)*](http://www.rollingstone.com/music/features/how-meghan-trainor-became-2014s-most-unlikely-pop-star-20141027)

[insignificant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/insignificant)

of little importance or influence or power; of minor status

*“Hell, a kid’s already scared of being small and****insignificant****,” he once said.   
—*[*The New Yorker (Nov 5, 2014)*](http://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/giving-tree-50-sadder-remembered)

[inspired](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/inspired)

of surpassing excellence

*Are you feeling****inspired****and ready to put your new-found, seemingly easy strategies into action starting tomorrow?   
—*[*Forbes (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.forbes.com/sites/ellevate/2014/11/12/some-advice-on-taking-advice-from-leadership-experts/)

[interested](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/interested)

showing curiosity or fascination or concern

*She learned Braille “because I’m****interested****in tactile things. I’m****interested****in hair as a language. So why not go to a tactile language?”   
—*[*Washington Times (Nov 9, 2014)*](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/nov/9/vcu-department-chair-themes-art-around-hair/)

[intimate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/intimate)

marked by close acquaintance, association, or familiarity

*The couple grew so****intimate****that the woman promised she would move to New York in six months.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/09/fashion/with-some-dating-apps-tinder-less-casual-sex-than-casual-text.html)

[irritated](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/irritated)

aroused to impatience or anger

*But he spoke like a frustrated political veteran, as if decades of merely watching the news had left him****irritated****and saddened.   
—*[*The New Yorker (Nov 4, 2014)*](http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/partyism-kansas)

[isolated](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/isolated)

being or feeling set or kept apart from others

*"Growing up, I was****isolated****from this issue, rarely talked about it," Stonebraker said.   
—*[*Reuters (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/11/us-usa-veterans-idUSKCN0IU1X220141111)

[jealous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/jealous)

suspicious or fearful of being displaced by a rival

*"I think it was really hard. I think he was a little****jealous****of the video guy at first," Gomez joked.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 6, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/gossip/la-et-mg-selena-gomez-heart-wants-what-it-wants-justin-bieber-taylor-swift-20141106-story.html)

[joyful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/joyful)

full of or producing great happiness

*Investors squeezed in a****joyful****one-hour lunch break before the afternoon panels.   
—*[*Forbes (Nov 8, 2014)*](http://www.forbes.com/sites/liyanchen/2014/11/08/paul-mccartney-carrie-underwood-star-at-billionaire-ron-barons-investment-conference/)

[judgmental](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/judgmental)

depending on assessing a person or situation or event

*Those who are asleep at the switch, or****judgmental****, get hurt.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/11/opinion/where-hell-is-other-patients.html)

[liberated](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/liberated)

free from traditional social restraints

*It was as if the reduced expectations had****liberated****her.   
—*[*Washington Post*](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/grimes-left-for-dead-finally-goes-off-script/2014/10/22/35749dd2-5a37-11e4-bd61-346aee66ba29_story.html)

[loathing](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/loathing)

hate coupled with disgust

*The man they are seeking is described as a survivalist and an excellent shot, with a****loathing****for law-enforcement officials.   
—*[*New York Times (Sep 21, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/22/us/in-tense-woods-police-shift-from-prey-to-hunters.html)

[lonely](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/lonely)

marked by sadness from being by yourself

*Company exhausted him, even though he grew****lonely****in its absence.   
—*[*Slate (Nov 5, 2014)*](http://www.slate.com/articles/arts/books/2014/11/james_booth_s_biography_of_philip_larkin_reviewed.html)

[loving](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/loving)

feeling or showing love and affection

*"He was so patient. He wasn't a complainer. He was so****loving****, despite all the stuff that he went through," his wife said.   
—*[*US News (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2014/11/11/wounded-iraq-war-veteran-anti-war-activist-dies)

[mad](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/mad)

roused to anger

*“Because either way you voted on that, you’re making somebody****mad****. And the financial sector was furious.”   
—*[*The New Yorker (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/11/17/inevitability-trap)

[open](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/open)

straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness

*What’s more, other governments seem****open****to following the example from Down Under.   
—*[*Time (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://time.com/3578387/julien-blanc-feminism-real-social-dynamics/)

[optimistic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/optimistic)

expecting the best

*She said the talks were going well and she felt****optimistic****that progress could be made.   
—*[*BBC (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-30011742)

[overwhelm](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/overwhelm)

overcome, as with emotions or perceptual stimuli

*She was a little****overwhelmed****with being the adored focus of such power, as he rose and fell.   
—*[*The Guardian (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.theguardian.com/books/poll/2014/nov/12/literary-review-bad-sex-award-shortlist-2014)

[peaceful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/peaceful)

not disturbed by strife or turmoil or war

*In 2001, my husband and I ditched the dot-com rat race of Silicon Valley for a more****peaceful****life in the mountains of Lake Tahoe.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 10, 2014)*](http://boss.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/10/introducing-laura-zander-a-small-business-owner-trying-to-figure-out-social-media/)

[perplexed](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/perplexed)

full of difficulty or confusion or bewilderment

*The bankers who arrange the loan deals say that they are****perplexed****.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 4, 2014)*](http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/11/04/a-recent-surge-of-leveraged-loans-rattles-regulators/)

[playful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/playful)

full of fun and high spirits

*He says the fourth “Toy Story” installment will “open a new chapter” in the lives of Woody, Buzz and their****playful****pals.   
—*[*Washington Times (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/nov/7/disney-pixar-announce-plans-for-toy-story-4/)

[powerful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/powerful)

having great force or effect

*The first option is benevolent, but the second is****powerful****.   
—*[*Forbes (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.forbes.com/sites/ellenhuet/2014/11/12/peers-relaunch-gig-economy-workers/)

[powerless](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/powerless)

lacking power

*If anything goes wrong then, scientists will be****powerless****to do anything but watch.   
—*[*Seattle Times (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://seattletimes.com/html/nationworld/2024999457_apxcometlanding.html?syndication=rss)

[proud](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/proud)

feeling self-respect, self-esteem, or self-importance

*“He’s very stubborn, a little fighter. And that’s why I’m****proud****of him,” his father told the TV station.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-boy-calls-cliff-father-interview-20141112-story.html)

[provocative](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/provocative)

serving or tending to excite or stimulate

*The teenagers did not appear to be engaged in violent or****provocative****behavior at the time they were shot.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/13/world/middleeast/israel-palestine-tensions.html)

[rejected](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rejected)

rebuffed (by a lover) without warning

*The break up with his best friend left him feeling lonely,****rejected****, and generally out of sorts.*

[remorseful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/remorseful)

feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses

*In a statement, Chow said the running back was “contrite, embarrassed and****remorseful****.”   
—*[*Washington Times (Oct 15, 2014)*](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/15/hawaii-running-back-suspended-after-arrest/)

[repugnant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/repugnant)

offensive to the mind

*These incidents now strike us as****repugnant****discrimination.   
—*[*Slate (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2014/11/big_data_underground_railroad_history_says_unfettered_collection_of_data.html)

[resentful](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/resentful)

full of or marked by indignant ill will

*This is how we, the electorate, are being described: sour, dyspeptic, demoralized, disgusted, rebellious, frustrated,****resentful****, angry.   
—*[*Seattle Times (Nov 7, 2014)*](http://seattletimes.com/html/opinion/2024979171_annmcfeatterscolumnfixingcongress08xml.html?syndication=rss)

[respected](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/respected)

receiving deferential regard

*“It makes people feel appreciated, valued and****respected****.”   
—*[*US News (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://money.usnews.com/money/blogs/outside-voices-careers/2014/11/11/one-word-that-can-change-your-work-life)

[ridicule](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ridicule)

the act of deriding or treating with contempt

*Have football's routinely****ridiculed****executives actually changed something for the better?   
—*[*BBC (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/29932722)

[sarcastic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sarcastic)

expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds

*“I was thrilled we shot more free throws as a team than James Harden,” a****sarcastic****Sixers coach Brett Brown said.   
—*[*Seattle Times (Nov 4, 2014)*](http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/nba/2024946476_nba04xml.html?syndication=rss)

[scared](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scared)

made afraid

*"I'm****scared****right now," she said as she watched smoke from the burning house.   
—*[*US News (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://www.usnews.com/news/science/news/articles/2014/11/11/lava-oozing-for-months-quickly-ignites-hawaii-home)

[sensitive](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sensitive)

responsive to physical stimuli

*The child was****sensitive****, perceiving even the slightest teasing as an aggressive attack.*

[shocked](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/shocked)

struck with fear, dread, or surprise

*The photo of a wide-eyed,****shocked****Loren glancing over at Mansfield captures a classic Hollywood moment.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/filmfestivals/la-et-mn-afi-film-festival-sophia-loren-20141112-story.html)

[skeptical](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/skeptical)

marked by or given to doubt

*Faced with****skeptical****— or sexist — editors and colleagues, the women found that work sometimes came at the price of their personal lives.   
—*[*New York Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/11/12/taking-pictures-raising-children/)

[startled](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/startled)

excited by sudden surprise or alarm and making a quick involuntary movement

[submissive](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/submissive)

inclined or willing to give in to orders or wishes of others

*Finally, a textbook that teaches women the manly pursuit of science in terms that our feeble,****submissive****lady brains will understand.   
—*[*Salon (Oct 14, 2014)*](http://www.salon.com/2014/10/14/parks_and_rec_writer_megan_amram_rape_apologists_are_like_internet_trolls/)

[suspicious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/suspicious)

openly distrustful and unwilling to confide

*The survey suggested that most customers remained****suspicious****of how companies used their data.   
—*[*BBC (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-30004304)

[terrified](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/terrified)

thrown into a state of intense fear or desperation

*"She knew she was going to be murdered. She was****terrified****".   
—*[*BBC (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-30024398)

[threatened](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/threatened)

likely in the near future to become endangered

*"I was disgusted that my voice was ignored, but they felt****threatened****after being called by a politician."   
—*[*BBC (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-30011736)

[victimized](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/victimized)

of persons; taken advantage of

*Any girl suspected of being attracted to girls was gossiped about,****victimized****, and shunned.   
—*[*Middlesex: A Novel*](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0312427735?tag=vocabularyc00-20)

[vulnerable](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/vulnerable)

capable of being wounded or hurt

*"She is so funny and****vulnerable****," he said.   
—*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/filmfestivals/la-et-mn-afi-film-festival-sophia-loren-20141112-story.html)

[withdrawn](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/withdrawn)

tending to reserve or introspection

*Executive coach Maureen Moriarty believes that those who fail to communicate their feelings at work are often perceived as aloof, cold,****withdrawn****or untrustworthy.   
—*[*US News (Nov 11, 2014)*](http://money.usnews.com/money/blogs/outside-voices-careers/2014/11/11/one-word-that-can-change-your-work-life)

[worried](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/worried)

afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble

*According to the survey, 80% of Americans are****worried****about the government’s monitoring of phone and Internet communications.   
—*[*Wall Street Journal (Nov 12, 2014)*](http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2014/11/12/survey-u-s-adults-feel-they-are-losing-control-of-their-data/)

[worthless](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/worthless)

lacking in usefulness or value

*“I was just tired of it. I was letting my family down; I was feeling****worthless****.”   
—*[*US News (Nov 5, 2014)*](http://health.usnews.com/health-news/patient-advice/articles/2014/11/05/when-service-members-need-mental-health-help)