Characterization Project

Characters’ personalities are complex. For ten characters from *Forge*, you are going to illustrate four of their personality traits and provide evidence as to how they display those traits.

Below are the characters for the project:

Curzon (at the beginning – chapters 1-5)
Ebenezer Woodruff
Trumbull or Sergeant Woodruff
Silvenus
John Burns
Luke Greenlaw or Benjamin Edwards
Gideon, Missus Cook, or Baron von Steuben
James Bellingham
Isabel
Curzon (at the end)

As you read, it helps if you post-it pages in the book where characters are introduced and also any pages that reveal a quality about the character through one of the methods of characterization.

Task:
❖ Come up with four thoughtful adjectives (traits) that describe each character.
❖ Illustrate each of the four character traits by either drawing, pasting a picture from the Internet or other source, or using a sticker or other type of picture. The image that you draw or paste should symbolize the trait selected. For example, if one trait were “intelligent,” the accompanying picture could be of a person, animal, or cartoon solving a math problem or doing anything else that could represent intelligence. The pictures are symbolic – they do not have to look like the character. They must illustrate the trait/adjective.
❖ Below each trait, you must include a sentence or two that validate(s) the trait. The sentence(s) should be a specific instance or event in the novel that clearly demonstrate(s) how the character exemplifies the quality.
❖ For ONE of the four traits, you must cite a direct quote to support the trait. You must include the page number from the text on which the quote appeared.
❖ A completed entry will include the character’s name, four traits with accompanying images, four sentences that prove or validate the adjectives, and ONE specific quote from the text with its page number. You may be creative with how you present this information, but all components must be there to receive full credit.
❖ Entries must be on UNLINED paper – computer paper, cardstock, construction paper, etc… You may type the traits, sentences, and quotes or handwrite them, but they must be legible and neat if handwritten.
❖ Attach all entries together.
❖ Include a cover page that includes a title, your first and last name, the date, and the period that you have English.
❖ Sample projects are available to view.

This project is due ___________________. You should begin this project immediately. As you read and a character is introduced, you should write traits and details into your literature log. Use the literature log to come up with traits for the project. Be creative and have fun!

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