

PBS Lesson Series

ELA, Grade 5, Lesson 16

Teacher Packet

CHARACTER	WHAT WE KNOW

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Widow Wang	
Ming-Li	
Old Monk	
Tabby the cat	
Blackfoot the dog	

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Widow Wang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a widow ● Ming-li's mother ● poor and hungry ● has a dog and cat ● visited by old monk ● monk gives her gift from the gods: magical golden beetle
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Student Independent Practice:

Remember, *Why the Dog Hates the Cat* is told from a third-person, or omniscient, point of view, meaning the narrator knows EVERYTHING! When you read a story told from this point of view, you are looking through the eyes of the narrator, so *you* also know everything.

Complete the remaining sections of your character chart by filling in the WHAT WE KNOW column with everything *you* know about each character. Make sure to add any and all of the character's thoughts, feelings, and actions that you can remember. Use a bulleted list so you have plenty of room for everything you'll want to add in each character's box.

There are some characters that you know a lot about at this point in the fable, and some you know very little about. We can add to those as we learn more about them later in the story.

When you are done with your character chart! Write a few sentences describing what *you* think Widow Wang found in the pot of boiling water when she took off the lid!

Make sure to keep up with your character chart and your guess at what's in the pot. Have them ready for lesson two!