

Refining Your Analysis

I. Analyzing the Main Characters

The Cat

1. How do specific examples of characterization establish the psychological personality of the cat?
2. How does this personality contribute to the main conflict and climax of the story's plot?
3. How does this personality contribute to the theme?

The Fish

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3. How does this personality contribute to the theme?

The Narrator and Sally

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II. Beginning Your Essay

To conclude this activity, you'll choose a character from *The Cat in the Hat* and explain that character's contribution to the plot and theme of the story.

Argument

How does the character you've chosen contribute to the plot and theme?

Support

What details from the story support your argument?

Explanation

Explain the significance of each detail you've identified.