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# Summer **READING** Assignment

**Character traits** (words used to describe characters) affect the plot of a story because they determine how a character will act. For example, a shy character will act differently at a party than an outgoing character. In *Fish in a Tree*, Ally has many different character traits. Look over the list of character traits below (look up any you don't know!) and select the four character traits that have the greatest impact on the plot of the story.

## CHARACTER TRAITS

Ingenious	Diligent	Resourceful	Persistent	Introverted	Conscientious	Tenacious	Compassionate
Empathetic	Willful	Optimistic	Impulsive	Insightful	Valiant	Independent	Adaptable

Trait	Textual evidence that shows this trait (copy the evidence word for word from the book!)	Explain why this trait is so important. How does it affect the plot of the book?
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# FREE CHOICE BOOK

## Summer Reading Assignment Part II:

In addition to reading Fish in a Tree, read a fiction or non-fiction book of your choice. In the beginning of the year you will be asked to give a "book talk" on this book to advertise it to your classmates. Fill out this sheet to prepare for your book talk.

**Book Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Genre (Circle One):** Realistic Fiction Nonfiction Mystery Memoir Biography Fantasy Science  
Fiction Graphic Novel Historical Fiction

**Setting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Characters** (Give a brief description for each character):

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**Conflict** (main problem character must overcome): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Brief Description** (Just give a little taste of what the book's about. Don't give away the ending!): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cliffhanger** (Write a sentence that will make your classmates want to read more!): \_\_\_\_\_

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