

CHARACTER SKETCH

CLASS 10+2

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CHARACTER SKETCH

- We are confined to the nature of the character what the writer has portrayed in the story, novel or a play.
- Both good and bad aspects of a person are discussed.

CHARACTER SKETCH OF SWAMI NATHAN

WHAT DO WE NEED?

- Text book : 'Reader Book VI'

Text from the lesson

Swami And His Father

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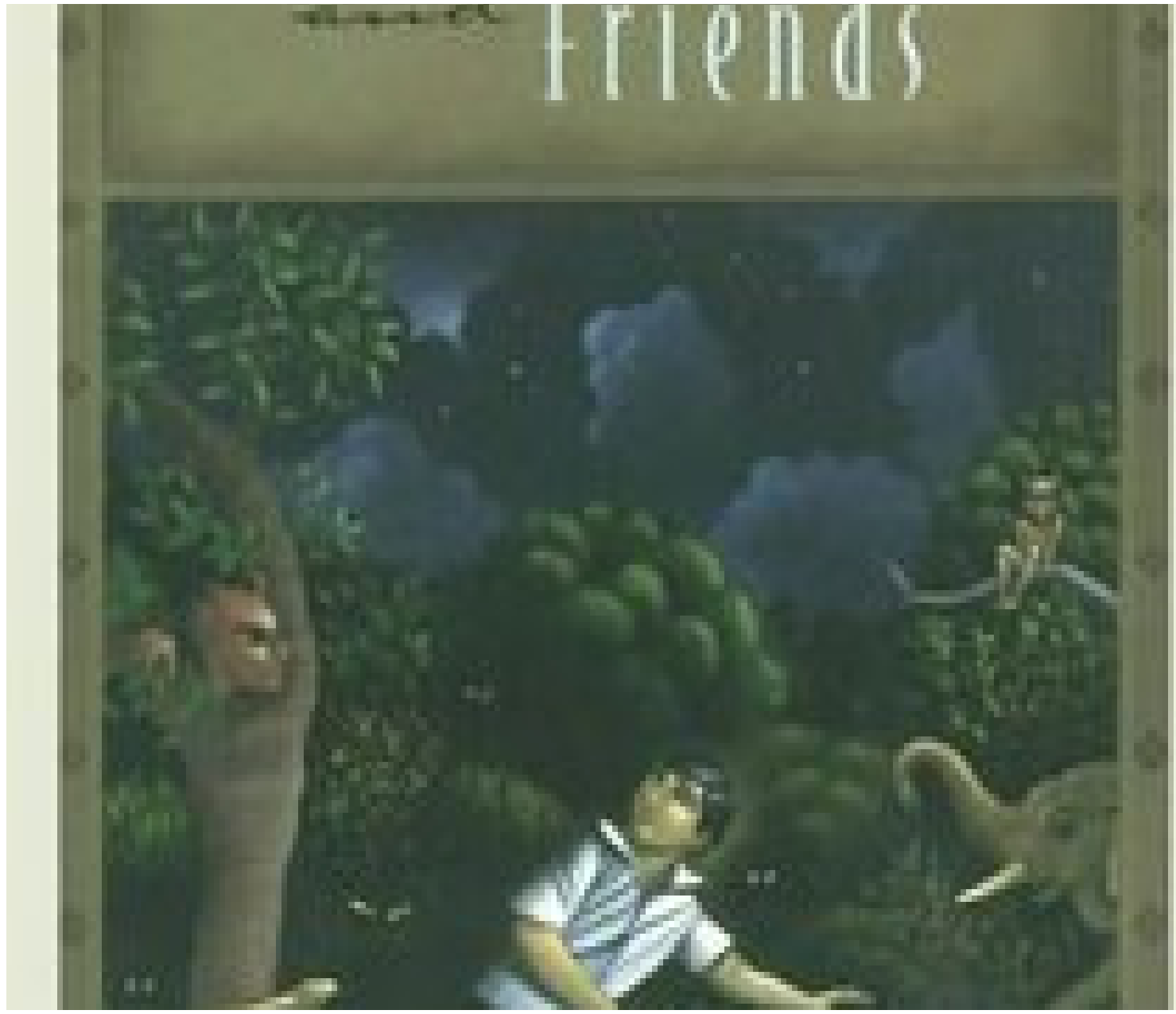
R. K. Narayan



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- Born on October 10, 1906 in Madras (now called Chennai)
- His first novel *Swami and Friends* (1935).
- Humour and energy of ordinary life.



Points to be described

- Name/ full name
- Age/sex
- Family
- Friends
- Liking/disliking

Points to be described

- **Nature: habits/routine**
- Honest/dishonest,
- intelligent/dull,
- mischievous/ serious
- hard worker/shirker
- calm/revengeful

Points to be described

- Relations with family/society

Name and age

- Swaminathan is a school going boy.

FAMILY

- He belongs to a **middle class South Indian** family.
- He has a grand mother, a father, a mother and a little brother in his house.
- His father works in courts.

Friends

- **Rajam** and **Mani** are his fast friends.
- Like all other boys of his age, he loves to be in the company of his friends.

Habits

- He is a **loafer**.
- He loves wandering and playing with his friends.
- Dislikes to stay at home.

Habits

Shirker:

- He does not want to study.
- He thinks that the holidays are not meant for studying.
- To him, holiday means all play.

Habits

- The saying “no work and all play makes Jack a dull boy” fits him very well.

NATURE

Liar:

- He is a big liar.
- He does not hesitate to tell lies in front of his father.

NATURE

Careless and Irresponsible:

- The dust and the cobweb on his books show his **careless** and **Irresponsible** nature.



NATURE

- **He loves pets.**
- He does not mind even putting a spider into his pocket.

NATURE

Aggressive:

- The way he tilts the table and scatters all the books on the floor shows his anger against his father.
- The manner he banged together the reader book in order to shake off the dust also shows his anger.

NATURE

Innocent:

- He is very **innocent** .
- When his father gives him a very simple sum to solve, instead of doing calculations he is thinking about the nature of the mangoes and the mango sellers.

Relations with family

Irritating:

- He **irritates** each and every family member.
- He himself also gets irritated by his mother, father and grand mother.
- They do not pay him due attention.

Relations with family

Unbearable and revengeful:

- He is unbearable to his mother.
- Being ignored by his mother he becomes revengeful.
- Father has a soft corner for him despite his stupidity.
- He also tries to win the sympathy of his grandmother but does not succeed.

Conclusion

- He is a true representative of his peer group.
- He is very playful and is very weak in arithmetic.
- We feel pity for him as he starts weeping being unable to solve the sum.

GLOSSARY

- Ramble: walk for pleasure, wander, aimless walking
- Vacation: holiday
- Displeasure: annoyance, unhappiness
- Encouragement: inspiration
- Spurred: inspired, encouraged

GLOSSARY

- Blew off: drove away with a breath
- Web: net
- Pile: heap
- Breach: not keep a promise
- Pestered: Gave a trouble

GLOSSARY

- Apparently: clearly, evidently
- Vigorously: strongly, actively
- Look sharp: hurry up,
- Banged: hit violently
- Peevishly: with irritation
- Irrelevantly: aimlessly

GLOSSARY

- Glared at: looked in anger
- Sarcasm: taunt, sharp remark
- Prolonging: delaying, extending
- In a flash: in a moment
- Tilted: slanted, inclined to one end

GLOSSARY

- Tipped over: scattered,
- Gazed: looked steadily
- Maze: puzzle
- Unaccountable: mysterious
- Smothering: suppressing, hiding
- Obscure: difficult to understand