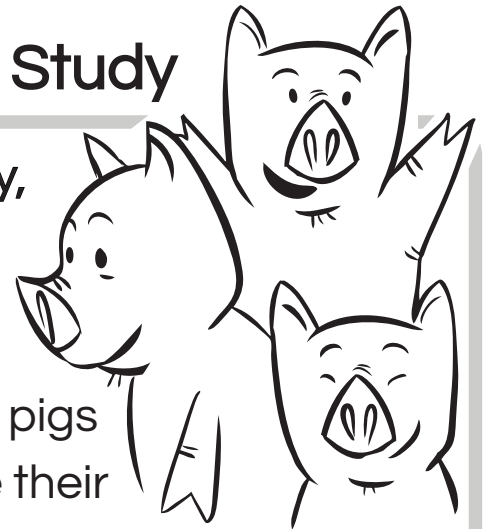


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## "The Three Little Pigs" Character Study

**Instructions:** As you read the following story, pay close attention to the characters and answer the questions below.



Once upon a time, there were three little pigs who were sent out by their mother to make their place in the world. As they reached the edge of the forest, they decided it would be a good place to build their homes. Peter was the oldest and the laziest of the three. He chose to build his house quickly out of straw so he could sleep for the rest of the day. Joe was the second oldest and just a bit less lazy than Peter. He decided a straw house would not be warm enough, but he didn't want to work that hard on building a house either. Joe decided to build his home out of wood and spent the rest of the day watching television. Mark was the youngest and the hardest working of the bunch. He remembered what his mother had told him about succeeding by working hard, and decided to take time to build a sturdy house out of brick. Although it was hard work, after two days he had built a nice brick home. His brothers laughed at him for wasting precious time that could have been spent napping or watching TV.

Later that week, a big bad wolf came knocking on Peter's straw hut. "Let me in little pig!" cried the wolf. "Not by the hair on my chinny-chin-chin," mocked Peter. The wolf growled, "Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" Since the

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house was built out of straw, it quickly blew apart. Peter dashed down to Joe's home and locked the door behind him. "Let me in little pigs!" yelled the wolf. "Not by the hair on our chinny-chin-chins," said the brothers. "Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!" the wolf replied. Again, the weak home of sticks blew apart, and the brothers ran to Mark's sturdy house to hide. The wolf once again demanded to be let in, but this time a confident Mark said, "Go away, wolf. You could never blow my house down!" The wolf huffed and puffed like he never had before and tried to blow the brick house down. After failing many times, the poor wolf sulked back into the forest. The two older brothers thanked Mark for saving the day and promised to be a little less lazy next time.

1. Who is the \*protagonist?

Mark is the protagonist.

1a. How do you know?

Mark is the hardest working  
and saves the day.

2. Who is the \*\*antagonist?

The wolf is the antagonist.

2a. How do you know?

The wolf purposefully tries to  
destroy the pigs' homes.

\*A protagonist is a lead character or champion of a particular idea.

\*\*An antagonist is a character who opposes another, or is unfriendly.