Create a Character Word Cloud

What’s a Word Cloud?
A word cloud is an artistic arrangement of words of different sizes. The size of each word is related to the number of times it appears in the text used to create the word cloud. Frequent words appear larger than words than words that are not used as frequently. See the examples on right.

Part 1 - Complete Character Rating Scale
1. Choose a character for your Character Word Cloud. It could be a fictional character from a book, a historical figure, or even yourself! Write your character’s name on the top of the Character Rating Scale.
2. List any 8 character traits below the name of the character. Be sure to choose a variety of traits - some that describe the character very well and some that do not describe the character very well.
3. Rate each character trait from 1 to 10 depending on how well it describes the character. (1 = lowest and 10 = highest) Hint: This activity works best if the scores range between 4 and 10.

Part 2 - Create Character Word Cloud
1. Use your scores on the rating scale to create a Character Word Cloud for the character. Open a word processing document and type the first character trait. Then copy and paste that word over and over the number of times equal to its score. For example, if you wrote “persistent” and gave it a score of 9, copy and paste the word “persistent” over 9 times. Do the same for the remaining character traits. You’ll end up with one long list of words.
2. Visit a word cloud website such as Wordle.net, ABCya.com, or Tagxedo.com. Look for the “create” or the “word cloud” link and click it to get started creating your own.
3. Copy and paste your list of words into the text area and check to be sure there are no spelling errors. Click Submit.
4. Play with the color, font, and layout options until the words are arranged in a pleasing manner.
5. Check with your teacher before printing your word cloud.
6. If you want to save the word cloud as an image to use later, look for the Save option. If you can’t find one, you may need to ask your teacher how to capture it with a screen shot and same it as an image.

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Write the name of a character at the top of the character rating scale box. Then list any 8 character traits on the line below their name. Rate each trait from 1 (low) to 10 (high) according to how well it describes the character.

absent-minded adventurous ambitious argumentative belligerent bold bossy brave busy carefree caring careless cautious cheerful clumsy conceited confident considerate cooperative courageous cranky creative curious dainty daring dedicated defiant demanding determined devious disagreeable dreamer energetic

fighter friendly fun-loving generous gentle gullible handsome happy hard-working helpful honest humble humorous imaginative impatient independent intelligent inventive joyful lazy leader logical lovable loving loyal messy methodical mischievous obedient observant outgoing optimistic patient patriotic persistent pessimistic polite proud quiet reckless resourceful respectful rude selfish serious shy sly stubborn studious successful suspicious thoughtful timid unruly unselfish witty