



Dice Character Analysis

In *The Book Thief*, Death uses a seven-sided die to illustrate the dangers of harboring a Jew during the era of World War II. The dice not only symbolizes the risk of housing Max, but also the fact the Liesel, Hans, and Rosa, are “gambling” with their lives.

Using the folded die template, you will create a six-sided character analysis. Each separate side of the die will be dedicated to each of the following characters: **Liesel, Hans, Rosa, Rudy, Max, and Ilsa Hermann.**

On each side of the die:

1. write the name of the character that you are analyzing
2. and then analyze the character doing one of the following
 - a. create your own symbol involving color symbolism
 - b. Write a sentence about the character using a metaphor,
 - c. Write a sentence about the character using a simile

Each of the characters listed above must have their own side of the die and you **must use at least one example** of each aspect of figurative language (symbolism, metaphor, simile, personification), but you may use each of them more than once.

After analyzing each character, rate each character from 1-6 based on their importance in the novel by writing your chosen number for them somewhere on their side of the die.

*Note: The numerical order of the characters does not have to depend on how often they are mentioned throughout the story, but on the level of importance that **you** feel they have on the overall story.*

Then, after you are finished, fold the paper into a 3D model of a die and glue/tape the ends together so it will stay.



Write 2-3 complete sentences below for each side of the dice explaining what form of figurative language you used and how your example represents the character. Also, explain why you rated that specific character with the number you chose.

Side 1:

Side 2:

Side 3:

Side 4:

Side 5:

Side 6:

