

# **Student Work Samples**

## **Grade 6 ELA**

**Low characteristic work = Samples 1-3**

**Medium characteristic work = Samples 3-6**

**High characteristic work = Samples 7-11**

# Learning Targets

- I can summarize Arachne's and Minerva's stances in two to three sentences.
- I can write about one of Arachne's behaviors or actions and describe which character trait motivates it in a TO-SEEC paragraph.

# Work Sample 1

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva believes that Arachne's weaving gift came from the gods.

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arachne believes that her weaving skills

character.

**Arachne's action or behavior**

Arachne laughs when someone suggests that Minerva may be a better weaver than she is.

Arachne is arrogant

**What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character**

Arachne laughs because she thinks her skills are better than Minerva's.

Arachne challenges Minerva to a contest.

# Work Sample 1 - cont.

Sample Student 1

**Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne for Quadrants A & B Students**

Arachne's treatment of the old woman shows how Arrogant of a person

she is. The text states that Arachne, "she reared like a cobra, scowling

and came near to striking the old woman. This shows that "Arachne is a arrogant"

person, because she screams to an old lady..."

Hughes also includes the moment when Arachne claims that she, “\_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_. This further proves that \_\_\_\_\_

To sum it up, Arachne's character proved to be \_\_\_\_\_ due to how she

handled the situation that arose with the elderly woman, who was actually disguised as \_\_\_\_\_

# Work Sample 2

Sample Student 2

## Tab 2 - Review: Summarizing for Quadrants A & B Students

- Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva says the Arachnes should be grateful for her skill in weaving because it came from her/Minerva.

- Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arachnes Believe that her skill is inborn and that she shouldn't be grateful and she reacts to this in a not-good way and insults the old woman who is really Minerva.

Sample Student 2

Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions for Quadrants A & B Students  
Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions for Quadrants A & B Students  
Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.

- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne laughs when someone suggests that Minerva may be a better weaver than she is. Arrogant	The action of Arachne shows that she thinks skill are inborn and not given by Minerva a goddess. Shows that she has a big ego.
Arachne challenges Minerva to a contest. un fair	This actions shows that she is very valient
Arachne shouts at the old woman. Rude	this shows that she is very Rude which

# Work Sample 2 - cont.

Sample Student 2

Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne for Quadrants A & B Students

Arachne's treatment of the old woman shows how Rude/arrogant of a person she is. The text states that Arachne, "And she reared like a cobra with  
eyes... "Yes... <sup>brain to tell like you described (51-56 Hughes)</sup> Body..." This shows that she is very rude  
thru the old woman show her personality.

Hughes also includes the moment when Arachne claims that she, "Laughed at her  
Suggestion Her sole in the world... She (thinks) <sup>was her skill</sup> (28-30 Hughes) <sup>inborn</sup>." This further proves that she  
thinks that she should not be grateful cuz  
she thinks it's her inborn skill and it hers.

To sum it up, Arachne's character proved to be Better at waving due to how she handled the situation that arose with the elderly woman, who was actually disguised as Minerva dressed as an old woman.

# Work Sample 3

Sample Student 3

**Tab 2 - Review: Summarizing for Quadrants A & B Students**

- Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.  
 Minerva believes that Arachne's weaving gift came from the Gods.
- Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.  
 Arachne believes that her weaving skills are hated.

Sample Student 3

**Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions for Quadrants A & B Students**  
 Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

**Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions for Quadrants A & B Students**  
 1. Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.  
 2. For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne laughs when someone suggests that Minerva may be a better weaver than she is. Arachne later becomes she thinks her skills are better than Minerva's.	
Arachne challenges Minerva to a contest. Arachne wants a challenge to prove her skills are better than Minerva's.	Arrogant / Proud
Arachne shouts at the old woman. Arachne shouts at the old woman because she feels like the old woman is mocking her skills.	



# Work Sample 3 - cont.

Sample Student: 3

Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne for Quadrants A & B Students

Arachne's treatment of the old woman shows how arrogant/prideful of a person

she is. The text states that Arachne, "...only Minerva could have

taught her! Arachne <sup>at the moment (Hughes, 86)</sup> laughed. This shows how Arachne is prideful

since she laughed at the suggestion that her skills are  
lower than the goddess.

Hughes also includes the moment when Arachne claims that she, "I challenge Minerva

to work better than I work!" This further proves that Arachne

is prideful because she is overly-confident

in her weaved skills.

To sum it up, Arachne's character proved to be arrogant/prideful due to how she

handled the situation that arose with the elderly woman, who was actually disguised as Minerva



# Work Sample 4

## Tab 2 - Review: Summarizing

Sample student 4

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

One point that Minerva makes is that she thinks that Arachne should be more grateful because her talent is god given.

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

One sentence that Arachne makes is that she thinks that her gift is natural.

## Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

Sample student 4

Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

## Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

- Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne challenges Minerva to have better than Arachne	
Arachne was laughing at Minerva	
Arachne spit at Minerva not praising that	disrespectful

# Work Sample 4 - cont.

Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

Choose one of Arachne's behaviors or actions from the chart and describe which trait motivates it. Why does she do what she does? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your idea.

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Sample Student 4

Arachne's treatment of the old woman shows how disrespectful of a person she is. For example, the text states, "As she spat at her: 'Your brain totters like your decrepit body.'" Hughes (55-56). This proves how Impertinent Arachne is being towards the old lady.

Use of Evidence

Elaborate on your evidence

more here

How does the evidence

connect to your topic

sentence.

# Work Sample 5

## Tab 2 - Review: Summarizing

Sample Student 5

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

She makes like trying to tell her  
that she needs to be  
grateful

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

She is not grateful

## Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

Sample Student 5

## Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

- Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne's Laughed at the suggestion	So she laughed at the fact that Minerva thinks she is better than her so Jealousy
She wanted to Do a weaving contest	So it is like Competitive
When she spoke at her	Disrespectful

# Work Sample 5 - cont.

Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne

Sample Student 5

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

Choose one of Arachne's behaviors or actions from the chart and describe which trait motivates it. Why does she do what she does? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your idea.

Arachne's treatment of the old lady shows how  
mean of a person she is and jealous. She said,  
"As she says a lot for your brain tatters like your decrepit  
body" So this shows how jealous she  
is that she is doing this to make  
her seem more better than her. She  
said

# Work Sample 6

## Tab 2 - Review: Summarizing

Sample Student 6

- Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva believes that Arachne's gods her weaving from the gods.

- Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arache was born with her weaving skills not from the gods.

## Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

Sample Student 6

Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

## Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

- Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne laughed at the fact that Minerva could be better than her	This shows that Arachne has a very big ego and thinks that she is better than Minerva who is a goddess
Arachne thinks that she is better than Minerva the goddess.	Arrogant
Arachne challenges Minerva to a challenge of who is the better weaver.	Arrogant

# Work Sample 6 - cont.

Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne

Sample Student 6

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

Choose one of Arachne's behaviors or actions from the chart and describe which trait motivates it. Why does she do what she does? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your idea.

Arachne's treatment of the old woman shows how arrogant of a person she is. "As she spat at her: 'Your brain totters like your decrepit body.' (Hughes 55-56)". From this text one can infer that Arachne is a very skillful woman and a also really angry human. Arachne's treatment to the old woman is very harsh.



# Work Sample 7

## Tab 2 - Review: Summarizing

Sample Student 7

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva is telling Arachne to respect the gods/goddess and to be grateful for her gift

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arachne believes that she is born without Minerva's gift to her

## Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

## Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

1. Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
2. For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne does not think that Minerva taught her and laughs at the suggestion	Arachne is self-absorbent (full of herself)
Arachne believes she can win a weave challenge against Minerva	Arachne is arrogant (proudful)
Arachne is yelling at a old lady and saying rude things	Arachne is impertinent (rude)



# Work Sample 7 - cont.

Sample student 7

Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne For Quadrant D Students

absent

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

What is Arachne's main character trait? Identify one other character trait that Arachne displays. How do the traits you've listed connect to each other? Is Arachne a simple or complicated person? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your ideas.

Arachne's treatment of the old lady show's  
how she is arrogant and self-absorbed a person she  
is. The text states, "As she spat at her: 'Your brain totters...'  
(55-56). This is connected because Arachne is being  
arrogant because she is not respect her elders.

# Work Sample 8

## Tab 2 - Review: Summarizing

Sample Student 8

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva thinks the gods and goddesses gave Arachne her talent to weave.

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arachne believes that she was born with a natural skill to weave.

Sample Student 8  
Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions  
Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

### Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

- Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne laughed at the idea that Minerva taught her to weave.	Arachne is self-absorbed.
Arachne Challenges Minerva to weave better than she can.	She's Very rude.
Arachne yells at the old woman which is really Minerva.	Arachne is disrespectful and arrogant.

# Work Sample 8 - cont.

Sample Student 8

Tab 4, Bubble 2 - Write: The Character Arachne For Quadrant D Students

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

What is Arachne's main character trait? Identify one other character trait that Arachne displays. How do the traits you've listed connect to each other? Is Arachne a simple or complicated person? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your ideas.

Arachne's treatment of the old lady shows how arrogant and self-absorbed she is. For example, in Stanza 6 it says, "As she spat at her: 'your brain totters.'" This evidence shows how arrogant she is.

# Work Sample 9

Sample Student 9

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva thinks that she taught Arachne her weaving skills.

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arachne says that she was born with this skill.

Sample Student 9

**Tab 3, Bubble 1 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions**  
Reread lines 26 - 66 in the passage. Highlight Arachne's three most memorable actions or behaviors.

**Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions**

- Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
Arachne says she wanted to challenge Minerva to a weaving contest (Line 30-31)	She is showing herself as a brave person for challenging a god.
Arachne laughed at the suggestion (Line 27-28)	She is showing herself in her nonbelieving self.
She was being very rude to the old lady	She is Arrogant

# Work Sample 9 - cont.

Sample Student 9

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

Choose one of Arachne's behaviors or actions from the chart and describe which trait motivates it. Why does she do what she does? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your idea.

Arachne's treatment of the old woman shows how arrogant of a person she is. In the text, it states, "Listen" she cried, "I challenge Minerva. To weave better than I weave." (Hughes, 30-31). This shows how competitive she is. The text also states, "Arachne laughed at the suggestion" (Hughes 27-28). This proves that she isn't believing the idea that Minerva taught her how to weave. In conclusion, Arachne's treatment of the old woman/Minerva shows how arrogant of a person she is.

# Work Sample 10

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva makes that she was born with the skill of weaving.

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arachne makes her point as she didn't get the skill from Minerva and she was talented.

Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

- Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
"Minerva laughed at the fact that she the only one who could have taught her"	That she is arrogant because she went against a goddess
she cried to challenge Minerva to have a contest for who is better at weaving.	she is rude to see who is better
She was like a cobra striking Minerva and yells at her	she is being arrogant towards the old woman



# Work Sample 10 - cont.

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

Choose one of Arachne's behaviors or actions from the chart and describe which trait motivates it. Why does she do what she does? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your idea.

Arachne's Treatment toward the old women is arrogant.  
In the poem says "listen, she came to challenge Minerva" (Ted Hughes 30). This shows Arachne being arrogant toward the old women.  
Also the text includes "Surely only Minerva could have taught her" (Ted Hughes 25/27). This shows Arachne being arrogant toward the women arguing by her saying she could have only been taught by her saying the women could teach herself.  
Finally This all sums it up to why Arachne is arrogant toward the old women.



# Work Sample 11

1. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Minerva makes.

Minerva feels that Arachne should be  
made grateful because she thinks her talent  
is a gift from the gods.

2. Using your own words, summarize in one sentence the point Arachne makes.

Arachne feels like her talent comes  
naturally.

Tab 3, Bubble 2 - Select Text: Arachne's Actions

- Write each of the three descriptions you highlighted into the first column of the chart below.
- For each item you highlighted, write a sentence explaining what it shows about Arachne's character.

Arachne's action or behavior	What this action or behavior shows about Arachne's character
she laughed at the suggestion of being taught by Minerva	Prideful
she challenged Minerva to weave	Competitive
She yelled at the old lady	disrespectful

# Work Sample 11 - cont.

Use lines 26–66 for the following question:

Choose one of Arachne's behaviors or actions from the chart and describe which trait motivates it. Why does she do what she does? Include at least two details from two different moments in the text to support your idea.

Arachne's treatment of the old lady shows how pride full of a person she is. The text states, "to weave better than I weave" (Hughes 31). This shows how pride full she is because she challenges Minerva. The author states, "As she spat at her 'Your brain totters like your decrepit body'" (Hughes 55-56). This shows that she was pride full of yelling at the old lady. In conclusion how Arachne treated shows how pride full she is.