

What do Clark Kent, Peter Parker, and _____ have in common? ~~That's~~ That's right, they all wear glasses. The newest initiate to his illustrious group of nearsighted nerds is the wizard boy-wonder Harry Potter. J.K. Rowling's ~~the~~ seven-book ^{series about} an orphaned wizard battling the forces of evil ^{of Voldemort} trying to pass his standardized tests inspire ^{to} millions of children ~~as they grew up~~ who grew up with Harry. Years of Halloween costumes, ~~the~~ themed parties, ~~as a~~ not to mention eight major motion pictures, ensured that every man, woman, and child ~~recognizes~~ is well-acquainted with Harry's scarlet & gold Gryffindor scarf, lightning-bolt scar, and ~~round~~ glasses. Over the course of the Harry Potter series, Harry's glasses characterize his struggle to ~~define~~ find and define his sense of self ^{himself} — as society and self see ~~different~~ him differently. → vague (no real conclusion)

As the novel character who defined a generation, ~~the~~ the ways in which Harry is "characterized" by his glasses are numerous. The most obvious and well-known ~~associations~~ stereotypical associations of glasses wearing characters are tied to the Oxford English Dictionary's definition ^{of "characterized"} to engrave, imprint: to inscribe, write; to define in form or outline ("characterize" (1)). ~~Not only is "writing" involved,~~ ~~as can only be expected when discussing characters~~ in a novel, but "engrave," "imprint" and "inscribe" all ~~get at the permanent~~ ^{character} nature of word. ~~These~~ Rather than a simple accession or descriptor, Harry's glasses "define" him ("characterize" (1)), but ~~they only get at only in the most surface~~ ^{superficial} sense "outlining" him in ^{form} only, as Harry

their importance is purely physical. In the cases of glasses, their meaning has already been "impressed" upon children from a young age, who recognize the stereotypical optically-challenged word before they are old enough to read.

~~Therefore~~ "Characterization" does not always need to be so superficial or negative, as seen in Pichonary. can definition: "to attribute character to" ("characterize" 3).