

ENG 102 SPRING 2020 CLASS COMPILATION:
CHARACTER TRAITS IN *GROUNDHOG DAY*

With Additional Notes

1. Humble vs. Arrogant

Humble:

Without an excess of pride (Ploy)

- Showing a modest of one's own importance.
- Not proud

Be respectful, gentle, and polite to people who surround you. (Mos)

A humble person thinks of himself or herself as equal to others, not superior and not inferior. A humble person considers himself or herself as lowly and unworthy before God's magnificence.

Example of being humble (humility):

Phil is humble in scene where Phil was a piano player. In this day, Phil had helped a lot of people without a request since the morning until night. Many people came to say thank you to Phil. One of them is Fred's girlfriend; she said to Phil, "You are the best." Then Phil said back "No, You are the best."

After the party, Phil and Rita walked out and met an insurance agent, Ned. Ned told Rita that Phil brought every insurance plan with him. Ned said to Phil, "This is the best day of my life, then Phil said, "Mine too."

Why do I think this is a kind of virtue or character trait? It's because an arrogant person won't say something nice like what Phil was saying in this scene, and also he didn't count favors. It shows that he was willing and happy to help everybody. (Ploy)

It was happened when Phil helped many people in the town and learned what they liked in detail and took care them. (Mos)

Arrogant:

- Pretensions to superior importance or rights
- Too proud
- Full of self-worth or self-importance (Ploy)

Supercilious, proud, disdainful

People who have EGO or they think that they are the best and look down on others.

(Mos)

An arrogant person thinks his or her ideas are the best and doesn't need to listen to anyone else. An arrogant person has no awareness or respect for God's wisdom and greatness.

Example of being arrogant, (arrogance):

Phil shows he is arrogant when Phil was heading back to Pittsburgh, but he's stuck in the traffic because of the blizzard. He was calling someone and asked for help to get out of the traffic, especially a privileged help for an emergency or a celebrity. When Phil was asked: "Well, you are an emergency or a celebrity?" Phil said that he's both.

This character trait is a vice. Normal people don't think they are special or more important than other people. This is the kind of an arrogant person. (Ploy)

It's a scene where Phil didn't care for anyone around him. He just thought that he is the best. (Mos)

2. Self-sacrificing vs. Self-centeredSelf-sacrificing:

1. Moral excellence and righteousness; goodness.
2. An example or kind of moral excellence: the virtue of patience
3. Archaic Chastity, especially in a woman
4. A particularly efficacious, good, or beneficial quality; advantage: a plan with the virtue of being practical
5. Effective force or power: believed in the virtue of prayer
6. virtues Christianity The fifth of the nine orders of angels in medieval angelology.
7. Obsolete Manly courage; valor
(Yunha and Abel)

A self-sacrificing person gives up their time, attention and welfare for the benefit of others in need, even when it costs the self-sacrificing person. A self-sacrificing person is a giver. The crucifixion of Jesus in order to atone for human sin is the great example of self-sacrificing behavior.

Example of self-sacrificing (self-giving, generous):

Phil leads the distressed homeless person (to a hospital even though the old man dies). The next day, Phil takes good care of him and buys him food, but after repeated deaths, he realizes that there is no way, also he realized the importance of life and showed his virtue as a human being to the homeless. (Abel)

Self-centered:

1. Evil, corrupt or immoral behavior or habits: smoking and drinking.
2. Prostitution, illegal drug sales, and certain forms of generally non-violent criminals' behavior
3. slight personal failure; Fable: untidy evil.
Ex) Cigarettes are my only vice president. (Yunha and Abel)

A self-centered person considers himself or herself the center of the universe and everyone else is their servant. A self-centered person spends his or her time thinking about himself or herself, and working for their own personal benefit, often at the expense of others. A self-centered person is a taker.

Examples of being self-centered (egocentric, self-centeredness, narcissist):

When he wakes up in an old hotel, he hears the same radio comment as yesterday, and although he's definitely covering the Groundhog Day, he is amazed to see the bustling town in preparation for the festival. Enchanted by the repetition of time alone, Phil uses his peculiar evil temperament to seduce a woman, steal a bag of money, and mess up a recurring festival. But that day or two, Phil desperately prays for suicide, but the next day he always wakes up in bed. (Yunha)

Drinking in a bar and driving in a car with friends in this scene: Phil asked his friends "What if there were no tomorrow?"

"No tomorrow. That means there'd be no consequences, no hangovers. We could do whatever we wanted."

As soon as Phil hears it, he bumps into mailboxes, drives the railroad tracks, gets caught by police and orders food from the police. Afterward, he went into detention and woke up the next day, and the same day was repeated. His idea is that no matter how bad he does today, he knows that everything will be back in place the next day, and he wants to do things he hasn't felt before. When I see this scene, I think this is Phil's greatest vice because we wouldn't have had this experience in our lives. Ordering food to the police and driving the train tracks is unimaginable. (Abel)

3. Peaceful vs. Irascible

Peaceful: - Undisturbed by strife, commotion, or disagreement

- Not involving violence or employing force. (Kay)

A peaceful person is not easily upset or disturbed even when circumstances look dangerous or difficult, like Jesus sleeping in the boat in the middle of a storm.

Example of being peaceful:

This scene is almost the end of the movie. Phil realizes that he has to do something useful and enjoy it. So he starts to give money to the old homeless man, he hugs someone he hates, he helps ladies change the flat tire on their car and he starts to learn piano. He does everything that he never did before, even though he knows everything he does today will not happen in the next day. But he does not feel regard and is living his life peacefully. (Kay)

Irascible: - easily stimulant to anger; very irritable (Kay)

An irascible person gets angry over the slightest difficulties and constantly thinks others are not treating him or her properly.

Example of being irascible:

- Phil goes to Punxsutawney where he has to do the report about Groundhog Day. While he and his team are driving on the road, they have to stop the van because the road is closed. Phil tries to hit the horn and get out of the van with his irascible walk straight to the police and tell them to open the road. The police said they can't because the storm so Phil argues with the police but it is not work so Phil has to get back to van. (Kay)

4. Kind vs. cruel

Kind:

Having or showing a friendly, generous, sympathetic, or warm-hearted nature.

SYN. Kindhearted, Benign, Benevolent, Attentive, Considerate, Thoughtful.

My words. A friendly, well-disposed manner, Agreeable or beneficial condition. (Luke)

Examples of being kind (kindness):

The scene of buying a soup for an old homeless man.

The scene of serving coffee for Mary and Rita according to their taste.

The scene of helping the man who was gone down the wrong pipe at the party. (Luke)

Cruel:

D. Disposed to inflict pain or suffering.

SYN. Brute, Butcherly, Heartless, Inhuman, Inhumane, Savage, Vicious, Wanton

My words. Cold heart and heartless, inhuman and immoral (Luke)

Examples of being cruel (cruelty, brutality):

The scene when he takes a truck with the marmot in it and dies himself.

The scene of suicide by falling from a tall building. (Luke)

5. Honest vs. Dishonest

Honest:

Honest is an adjective to describe a person who is frank, fair, integrity, genuine, virtuous, not deceptive or fraudulent. (Fah)

-Honorable in principles, intentions, and actions; upright and fair

- Sincere or frank

- Truthful or able to be trusted; not likely to steal, cheat, or lie, or (of actions, speech, or appearance) (May)

Examples of being honest (honesty):

Phil was honest with himself that he just wants to be happy. Then he realized that people have only one life, but he has plenty of time to wake up and could save the others' life. Once he realized, he found the way how to be happy and give people happiness. (Fah and May)

Dishonest

Dishonest is an adjective to describe a person who lacks honesty or truthfulness, lies, cheats, defrauds or deceives. (Fah)

-Behaving or prone to behave in an untrustworthy or fraudulent way.

- Lying, mendacious, untruthful (May)

Examples of being dishonest (dishonesty):

He was dishonest in the scene when he tried to win Rita's heart by getting back to her all the time he woke up in the same day and remembered what she likes, but he was not really love

her. He just wanted to stay with her in the night which made her realized he was selfish and dishonest. (Fah and May)

6. Self-controlled vs. licentious

Self-control:

Moral, Excellence, Righteousness, Goodness (Pak)

Control of oneself, one's own emotions, desires, actions. Moral, Righteousness. (Noon)

A self-controlled person restrains himself or herself when tempted by an excess, or immoral use, of pleasurable things of the senses, like eating, drinking, sleeping, being sensual. These are called the things of the flesh vs. the things of the spirit in the Bible.

Examples of being self-controlled (self-restraint, self-discipline):

Phil shows his virtue in nearly last scene, especially when he is helping many people in the city. I do like when he decided not to go to the coffee shop with Rita, but he went to help other people instead. Finally his virtue affected him, and it helped him to get through of his Groundhog's Day. (Pak)

Phil showed self-control when he tried to help the people in the city. He tried to be kind to give the money to the beggar, talk to the man when was selling insurance, help the old man. (Noon)

Licentious

A Practice or habit considered to be evil, Degrading, or immoral (Pak)

Being lacking in willpower or moral discipline, or being promiscuous (prone to random sex) or unwilling to conform to accepted rules. (Noon)

A licentious person freely indulges in the pleasures of the flesh, like eating, drinking, sleeping, being sensual, without any regret or concern for others. A licentious person believes this is freedom, and any forms of restraint are unfair. A licentious person is a hedonist who lives for physical pleasure.

Example of being licentious (licentiousness):

Phil shows his vice when he was knowing he can't move from Groundhog's Day. Then decided to try to do new things in his life. The obvious scene in the movie is when Phil decides to break the rules and drives into the mail box and drives along the rail line also. (Pak)

Phil was licentious when he deceives Nancy. He told her that he studied at the same high school so he could sleep with her. He thinks he can do anything he wants and he thinks he can sleep with many women. (Noon)

7. Love vs. Lust

Love:

Love means a great, strong and intense feeling to someone or something that is built from friendship, passion and so on. Love can make you concern about someone that special and important in your life. You want to give them good things and wish them good wish because you love them. (Som)

Loving is unconditional care for somebody (Fay)

Love is caring for the welfare of another person, loving him or her as a human being, for themselves. Loving person recognizes the inherent value and dignity of every human being, no matter how lowly or high in the world. A loving person sees the best in another and listens without judgment.,

Example of being loving (love):

After many attempts to sleep with Rita and her denials, Phil gave up. He didn't think to allure her anymore. He sincerely confessed to her about waking up the same day every day. He just wanted her to believe him and he only wanted to stay with her all night until he had to wake up again. She started to open her mind to him. He confessed sincerely that he loved her while she was sleeping on his bed. (Som)

He did many things for Rita to make her love him. The night that they were together, he didn't touch Rita like he did to other girls before. He truly loves her and does not just feel lust. (Fay)

Lustful:

Lustful means having strong desire in sexual with someone. (Som)

Lustful is a very powerful feeling of wanting something craving in having sex, obsessed to body or beauty (Fay)

Lust is the desire to use the body of another human being for one's physical pleasure without any concern for the person's thoughts or feelings, without caring for the inner person as a human being. Lust is profoundly damaging because it dehumanizes the human person and takes away their human dignity. Lust objectifies a person. Think of how the machines running the Matrix turned human beings into batteries, sources of energy for the machines.

Examples of being lustful (lust):

After he could allure other women to sleep with him, he thought that he could did it to Rita who he fell in love. He repeatedly showed her that he knew everything about her and showed their similarities. However, because he just only wanted to have sex with her, she felt that he was not the right one so she finally denied him and slapped him at his face every time. (Som)

He deceived Nancy by telling a story that they used to study together. He was lustful and was trying to sleep with her because he thought he could sleep with many girls as much as he wanted. (Fay)