



The Hero Archives

A Comprehension & Analysis Dossier

Accessing the Files

Your task is to review the profile of each icon and prepare for analysis. Select a dossier to begin your investigation.



FILE 01: **Mario**



FILE 02: **Link**



FILE 03: **Sonic**



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FILE 05: **Lara Croft**

FILE 01: Mario – The Hero of the Mushroom Kingdom



Mario is one of the most famous video game characters in the world. He first appeared in the 1980s as a brave plumber who lives in the Mushroom Kingdom. Wearing his red cap and blue overalls, Mario is known for his cheerful personality and determination to help others.

Throughout his adventures, Mario often travels through colourful worlds filled with obstacles, enemies, and hidden secrets. His main mission is usually to rescue Princess Peach from the villain Bowser, who constantly causes trouble across the kingdom. Along the way, Mario collects coins, power-ups, and special items that help him grow stronger. These include Super Mushrooms that make him bigger and Fire Flowers that allow him to throw fireballs.

What makes Mario special is his persistence. Even when he fails, he always tries again. This has made him a symbol of resilience and teamwork for players of all ages. Over the years, Mario has appeared in many different games, including racing, sports, and party games, proving that he is more than just a platforming hero. His adventures continue to entertain millions of players around the world.

Vital Stats
Occupation: Plumber
Homeworld: Mushroom Kingdom
Primary Objective: Rescue Princess Peach
Nemesis: Bowser
Key Trait: Persistence

? FILE 01: Comprehension Analysis

1. Who is the main character of the passage?
2. Where does Mario live?
3. What is Mario's usual mission in his adventures?
4. List two items Mario collects that help him on his journey.
5. Who is the main villain mentioned in the text?
6. What does the word persistence most nearly mean in this passage?
7. Why do you think Mario is described as a symbol of resilience?
8. What genres of games has Mario appeared in besides platform games?
9. Which sentence best shows Mario's personality? Explain your choice.
10. Do you think Mario is a good role model? Use evidence from the text to justify your answer.

FILE 02: Link – The Hero of Hyrule

Link is the main hero of The Legend of Zelda video game series. He lives in the magical land of Hyrule, a kingdom filled with forests, mountains, villages, and ancient ruins. Link is usually shown wearing a green tunic and carrying a sword and shield, which he uses to protect the land from evil.

Link's greatest enemy is often the villain Ganondorf, who seeks power and control over Hyrule. To stop him, Link must travel across the kingdom, solve puzzles, explore dangerous dungeons, and defeat powerful monsters. Along the way, he collects special items such as bombs, bows, and magical tools that help him overcome challenges.

One of his most important tasks is protecting Princess Zelda, who plays a key role in maintaining peace in Hyrule.

Unlike many heroes, Link rarely speaks. Instead, his actions show his courage, intelligence, and determination. He represents bravery and responsibility, as he is often chosen to save Hyrule even when the task seems impossible. Through his many adventures, Link teaches players that true heroism comes from helping others and standing up for what is right.

Vital Stats	
Homeworld: Hyrule	Equipment: Sword & Shield
Primary Objective: Protect Princess Zelda	Nemesis: Ganondorf
Key Trait: Courage	





FILE 02: Comprehension Analysis

1. Who is the main character of the passage?
2. What is the name of the land where Link lives?
3. Who is Link's main enemy in the story?
4. Name two challenges Link must face on his journey.
5. What special items does Link collect to help him?
6. Why is Princess Zelda important to the story?
7. What does the text suggest about Link's personality?
8. Why do you think Link rarely speaks in the games?
9. Which words best describe Link as a hero? Use evidence from the passage.
10. What lesson can players learn from Link's adventures?

FILE 03: Sonic – The Fastest Hero Alive

Sonic the Hedgehog is a famous video game character known for his incredible speed. He lives on a vibrant planet filled with green hills, loops, and mechanical dangers. Sonic is easily recognised by his blue spikes, red shoes, and confident attitude. Unlike many heroes, Sonic values freedom and dislikes being controlled.

Sonic’s main enemy is the evil scientist Dr Robotnik, also known as Dr Eggman. Robotnik tries to take over the world by capturing animals and turning them into robots. Sonic races through dangerous zones to stop him, using his speed to defeat enemies and destroy machines. Along the way, Sonic collects golden rings, which protect him from harm and help him survive tough challenges.

What truly sets Sonic apart is his personality. He is brave, loyal, and always ready to help his friends, even when the odds are against him. Sonic teaches players that quick thinking, courage, and standing up to bullies are important qualities. Through his many adventures, Sonic has become a symbol of speed, confidence, and heroism for gamers around the world.

Vital Stats	
Known For: Incredible Speed	Primary Objective: Defeat Robotnik & Free Animals Key Trait: Confidence
Core Value: Freedom	
Nemesis: Dr. Robotnik (Dr. Eggman)	





FILE 03: Comprehension Analysis

1. Who is the main character in the passage?
2. What physical features make Sonic easy to recognise?
3. Who is Sonic's main enemy?
4. What does Dr Robotnik do to the animals?
5. What are rings used for in Sonic's adventures?
6. What does the word freedom suggest about Sonic's values?
7. How does Sonic usually defeat his enemies?
8. Which words from the text describe Sonic's personality?
9. Why is Sonic considered a hero? Give two reasons from the passage.
10. What lesson can players learn from Sonic's actions?

FILE 04: Pikachu – A Loyal Pokémon Partner



Pikachu is one of the most recognisable characters in the Pokémon world. This small, yellow Pokémon is known for its lightning-shaped tail and ability to produce electricity.

Pikachu often travels alongside its trainer, forming a strong partnership based on trust and friendship. Together, they explore different regions, meet new Pokémon, and take part in exciting battles.

Pikachu's electric powers allow it to use moves such as Thunderbolt to defend itself and protect others.

However, Pikachu is not just strong; it is also caring and loyal. It often puts itself in danger to help its trainer or fellow Pokémon. Even when facing much stronger opponents, Pikachu shows courage and determination.

Throughout the Pokémon series, Pikachu represents teamwork and perseverance. Winning battles is important, but learning, improving, and supporting others matter just as much. Pikachu's friendly nature and brave actions have made it a favourite among players and viewers around the world. Its adventures teach an important lesson: true strength comes from friendship, effort, and believing in yourself.

Vital Stats

Species:
Pokémon

Ability: Produces Electricity

Core Value:
Teamwork & Friendship

Signature Move:
Thunderbolt

Key Trait:
Loyalty

FILE 04: Comprehension Analysis

1. Who is the main character of the passage?
2. What physical features help people recognise Pikachu?
3. What special ability does Pikachu have?
4. Who does Pikachu usually travel with?
5. How does Pikachu show loyalty in the story?
6. What does the word perseverance mean in this passage?
7. Why is Pikachu willing to face stronger opponents?
8. What values does Pikachu represent?
9. Which sentence best shows Pikachu's personality? Explain your choice.
10. What lesson does Pikachu's story teach players?

FILE 05: Lara Croft – The Fearless Explorer

Lara Croft is a well-known video game character from the Tomb Raider series. She is a skilled archaeologist and adventurer who travels the world exploring ancient tombs and lost civilisations. Lara is known for her intelligence, bravery, and physical strength, which allow her to survive in dangerous environments.

Throughout her adventures, Lara faces many challenges, including traps, wild landscapes, and powerful enemies. She must solve complex puzzles, uncover hidden artefacts, and make quick decisions to stay alive. Using her knowledge and problem-solving skills, Lara often discovers secrets that have been buried for centuries.

What makes Lara Croft stand out is her determination and independence. She does not rely on others to rescue her and is willing to take risks to uncover the truth. Lara shows that strength is not only physical but also mental. Her adventures encourage players to be curious, think critically, and face challenges with confidence.

Over the years, Lara Croft has become a symbol of courage and intelligence, inspiring players around the world.

Vital Stats

Occupation:	Archaeologist & Adventurer
Skills:	Intelligence, Problem-Solving
Primary Objective:	Uncover Ancient Secrets
Core Value:	Independence
Key Trait:	Determination





FILE 05: Comprehension Analysis

1. Who is the main character of the passage?
2. What is Lara Croft's profession?
3. Name two challenges Lara faces during her adventures.
4. What skills help Lara survive dangerous situations?
5. Why are puzzles important in Lara's journeys?
6. What does the word independence mean in this passage?
7. How does Lara show determination?
8. Why is Lara described as both physically and mentally strong?
9. Which part of the passage best shows Lara's bravery? Explain why.
10. What message does Lara Croft's story give to players?

The Heroic Code: Common Threads



Across these diverse legends, a shared code of courage, persistence, and selflessness emerges.

What common trait do you believe is most essential to being a hero?