

ROBINSON AND DUNBAR

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Define characterization:

- Physical description
- Character's own actions, words, thoughts and feelings
- Other character's actions, words, thoughts and feelings
- The speaker's own direct comments

	Richard Cory	Miniver Cheevy
traits	Clean Attractive Well dressed Rich	Alcoholic Dreamer Complainer
behavior	Classy Gentlemen Good manners "He fluttered pulses"	Bad mouthed ordinary things Thought a lot Mourned for the past
outlook on life	Isolated Lonely Sad Depressed	Negative Cynical Filled with self-pity Lived in a fantasy land

Do question #3, p. 831.

3. My opinion of Richard Cory/Miniver Cheevy in regards to his traits, speech and behavior and outlook on life is First, . . . Second, . . . Third, . . .

Paul Laurence Dunbar, p. 839

Define symbol:

A person, place, or object that has a concrete meaning in itself and also stands for something beyond itself.

	Object	Qualities	Symbol of . . .
"We Wear the Mask"	The Mask	Hiding the Truth Hiding Their Feelings Comfort & Safety	Discrimination, Racism, Segregation, Racial Etiquette
"Sympathy"	Cage	Keeps the bird (person)trapped Prison	The author or other people who feel trapped by their role in life: their lack of privilege What life does to them and their rights.

Question #2, p. 836. Explain what wearing a mask or being trapped in a cage means.

In Paul Laurence Dunbar's poem "Sympathy," being trapped in a cage symbolizes several things. First, the author feels trapped by his role and position in life. Next,

In Paul Laurence Dunbar's poem "We Wear the Mask," wearing a mask symbolizes several things. First, the author feels compelled to wear the mask as a "debt we pay to human guile," which refers to human slyness or craftiness . . . Next,

*Symbolism of the mask/cage, who is wearing (or in) it and why, description of the feelings it hides

Minstrel Shows

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79D447ZyP38>

Complete poems:

<https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/collections/1/the-complete-poems-of-paul-laurence-dunbar/>