I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Character Chart

**Directions:** As you read Maya Angelou’s autobiography *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* complete this character chart. Use your own words, but include the page numbers where you found and/or inferred the information. You are responsible for completing the chart for each of the major characters listed below as well as two minor characters of your choice. Choose your minor characters from this list: Reverend Thomas, Mr. McElroy, Powhitetrash girls, Dentist Lincoln, Mrs. Viola Cullinan, Mr. Donleavy, Henry Reed, Miss Kirwin, the Baxter Family (as one character or choose one member of the family), and Dolores.

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| Character | Relationship to Maya | Physical Characteristics | Personality Traits | Major Life Events and/or Position/Rank within the community |
| Marguerite Johnson (Maya) | Self |  |  |  |
| Annie Henderson (Momma) |  |  |  |  |
| Baily Johnson, Jr. |  |  |  |  |
| Uncle Willie |  |  |  |  |
| Vivian Baxter Johnson (Mother Dear) |  |  |  |  |
| Baily Johnson, Sr. |  |  |  |  |
| Mr. Freeman |  |  |  |  |
| Mrs. Bertha Flowers |  |  |  |  |
| **Choose Two Additional Characters** | | | | |
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