

Thursday 7th January 2021

LO: To make inferences
about characters using
evidence from the text.

Can you break each relative clause sentence back down into two single-clause (simple) sentences?

I look just like my dad, whose hair is black too.

I look just like my dad. His hair is black too.

My rabbit, who loves carrots, always runs up to me when I go to its hutch.

My rabbit always runs up to me when I go to its hutch. It loves carrots.

Micah, whose legs were aching, finally completed the race.

Micah finally completed the race. His legs were aching.

Chapter 1

Here is Chapter 1 being read.

You can skip to 1:37 where the chapter begins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyuXDVxB7V8&t=1s>

Listen to the chapter once through, and then re-watch, pausing if you need to to complete the first task.

Chapter 1

Fill out the grid as you go, noting down anything you find out about Gunnar, Father (Bjorn), Mother (Helga) and Skuli.

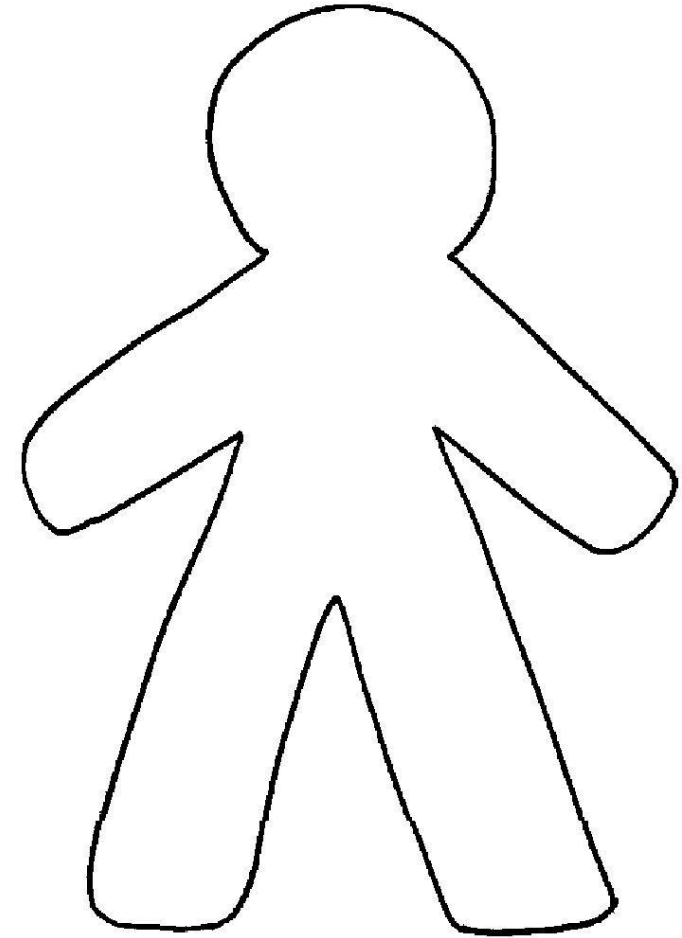
Character	Description
Gunnar	Shaggy brown hair, dark hazel eyes, 15 years old,
Bjorn (Father)	Shaggy brown hair, grey beard, hazel eyes, tall,
Helga (Mother)	Cooks stew, golden hair, eyes that change colour,
Skuli	

Draw/trace a person outline
(just under half a page).

Fill it in for Gunnar.

Personality traits go on the
inside, appearance traits go on
the outside.

Then write a paragraph
underneath describing Gunnar
as a character.



Once you have finished, do the
same for Mother, and then Father.
Do not do one for Skuli!

Gunnar (model)

Gunnar is a teenage boy who lives with his parents on their family farm. He is 15 years old. I know this because in the text he is described as being 'at fifteen summers'. His eyes are dark hazel, and he has brown shaggy hair. People tell him that he looks like his father, Bjorn, although Gunnar does not see the resemblance. He wears a tunic, leggings and leather boots.

He is stubborn, and does not want to be treated like a child. In the story, his father asks him to go indoors to stay safe, but Gunnar refuses. Gunnar longs to be a warrior. The author writes that Gunnar goes to sleep 'wondering if he would ever stand shoulder to shoulder with a band of warriors when he was a man'.