
James and the Giant Peach Character Analysis

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The character

James



Character's traits

- Sad
- Frightened
- Lonely
- Small
- Intelligent
- Hardworking
- Respectful

“Poor James, on the other hand, was still very much alive, and all at once he found himself alone and frightened in a vast unfriendly world.”

The character's words and actions

- James had been put to work, as usual. This time he was chopping wood for the kitchen stove. Page 5
- "Oh, Auntie Spong!" James cried out. "And Auntie Spiker! Couldn't we all - please - just for once - go down to the seaside on the bus? It isn't very far - and I feel so hot and awful and lonely..." Page 8
- "Then he covered his face with his hands and began to cry and cry." Page 8
- "Something is about to happen", he told himself. "Something peculiar is about to happen any moment." Page 15

Interactions with other characters

- “Come closer to me , little boy,” he said , beckoning to James with a finger.
“Come right up close to me and I will show you something wonderful.”
James was too frightened to move. Page 9
- James Henry Trotter stood there clutching the bag and staring at the old man. Page 11

Reactions to major events

- James always came up with a plan to rescue his friends and himself from the cloud men.
- James was able to find a way for the peach to “fly”.

James was quick to find ways to fix problems

Compare and contrast to other characters

- James was very kind compared to his Aunt Sponge and Spiker.
 - “Beat him!” cried Aunt Sponge. “I certainly will!” Aunt Spiker snapped. Page 8
- The following characters are alike because they are all caring.
 - Ladybug, James, Miss Spider



How and why did the character change?

- When James lived with his aunts he was very sad and lonely. Throughout the story he became closer to the insects. He learned from all of them. James was no longer scared and lonely. At the end of the story James was happy. He lived in New York and not a house he did not like. James was not lonely anymore, he had many friends.

The End