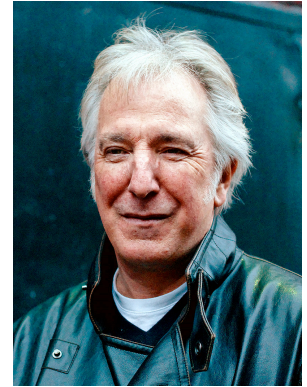
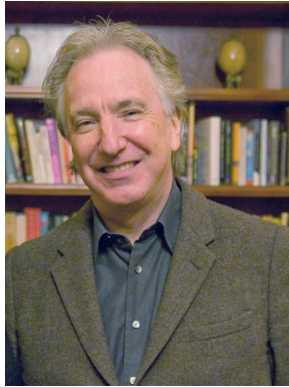


character discussion: SEVERUS SNAPE



Talk about the photos above of Alan Rickman and ask if students recognize this man.

Then ask:

- *What comes to mind when you think of Severus Snape?*
- *What are some of his character traits?*
- *Let's think about and share some proof for those character traits.*
- *How would you describe Snape's teaching? Would you like to have him as a teacher?*
- *Would you like to have Snape as a friend?*
- *How do you think Snape would be as a colleague, if you taught at Hogwarts?*
- *What would be an ideal course for Snape to teach?*

Look at some quick videos of Snape (on teachmama.com)

Then ask:

- *What do we know for sure about Snape? What are some facts about his life?*
- *How does Snape feel about Harry? How do you know?*
- *Who are Snape's friends?*
- *Who does Snape love? Who does he respect? Who does he fear?*
- *What other characters in books or movies reminds you of Snape?*
- *If you could say anything to Snape, what would you say? Why?*

Finally, watch the compilation videos of Snape.

Discuss:

- *Is Snape a static or dynamic character? That is, does he stay basically the same over time, or does he grow and change?*
- *If Snape could have a life 'do-over', what do you think he would do differently? Why?*
- *Many people argue that Snape is the true hero of the Harry Potter series. Do you agree or disagree? Why?*
- *Who is 'Albus Severus Potter'? Explain the meaning behind the name.*