The Sniper

Characterization ELOs:

- ✓ I can list character traits/adjectives to describe the character(s) in the text
- ✓ I can find the supporting evidence from the text to support my choice of adjectives or traits
- ✓ I can write a properly formatted paragraph to discuss characterization

Instructions: Below is a STEAL chart, which we can use to find out more about characterization (how the writer reveals the personality of the character). Complete the chart while/after reading the short story *The Sniper.*

S	What that tells us about the character:
T	What that tells us about the character:
E	What that tells us about the character:
A	What that tells us about the character:
L	What that tells us about the character:

Drawing Conclusions

TASK: use the information from your STEAL chart to write a properly formatted paragraph about the main character in the short story *The Sniper.*

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Criteria	Needs Work	Fairly Good	Good	Very Good
1. Includes basic facts about the character and a description of their physical appearance and personality				
2. Includes a description of the character's thoughts, feelings, and actions				
3. Grammar and mechanics (Spelling, punctuation, etc.)				
4. Proper paragraph format (Indent, topic & concluding sentences, supporting details)				

The Sniper: **Questions**

1. **Critical Literacy**
   Notice how the sniper **dehumanizes*** the other sniper by thinking of him as "the enemy" (page 118). If the author had used another word besides "enemy," how might that have changed the meaning?

   *To dehumanize = to demonize the enemy, making them seem less than human and not worthy of humane treatment.

2. **Comprehension**
   Compare how the sniper feels before shooting the enemy sniper (p.119) with how he feels afterwards (p.120).

3. **Drawing Conclusions**
   Why do you think the sniper has the reaction that he does, after shooting the enemy sniper (p.120).

4. **Literary Devices**
   a) What is **irony**?

   b) What is **situational irony**?

5. Explain what the irony revealed at the end of this story is.