

Empire of the sun: basie character analysis essay

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Throughout the film, viewers can see that Basie has strong leader qualities that allow him to get what he wants at all times. Firstly, Basie is over beyond confident which shows that he has amazing strength and leadership qualities. For example, when they suddenly encountered the Japanese, and Basie had to fight for his life, he quickly passed his precious aviator glasses to Jamie and confidently said, " I want those back when I'm done." This shows how confident he is and how much he believes in himself.

This definitely falls into the leadership category because confidence is one of the major qualities needed to become a leader (well, usually this is how people are). Secondly, in a time where starvation is growing and death had come upon Mrs. Partridge, Basie shows great leadership qualities. As soon as death had come upon Mrs.

Partridge, Basie said firmly " Get Mrs. Partridge's potato." This firm command shows that Basie is the boss and leader, and that he gives the commands. Another example showing that Basie is the commander and the leader is when he says to Jamie, " Bow to the sergeant." In the toughest times, Basie just rises , and gets to his feet, showing that he's truly a commander and leader that deserves to be in this place (because of how intelligent and strong he is). Through all his actions, Basie shows his gifted intelligent and shrewd qualities and characteristics.

Viewers can see that Basie's level of education is very high. Firstly, when Jamie devours his food, Basie advises him and says," Chew your food six times Jim, get the full benefit." This definitely shows his high level of education and intelligence because this involves a bit of science where when

you chew your food six times, your stomach is able to digest easier and faster. Secondly, when he lets Jamie drink his boiled water instead of the filthy water that's available. This also shows a high level of awareness, and intelligent because water from the metal bowl has dangerous diseases.

It also shows that he's very intelligent when he boils water, because boiling water prevents disease. Throughout this whole sequence, Basie proves his high level of intelligence and education and how this helps him and others in many ways. Business is one of the most things Basie thinks about. Basie is a keen business man who knows how to survive in a ravaged and chaotic environment.

Firstly, it shows that Basie is a business thinker when he says, "Buying and selling, you know...life." This shows that Basie is aware and that he is resourceful where he finds all kinds of way to survive and live. Secondly, the exchange of the coin back and forth, from Jamie to Basie shows that he's a business man who is obviously constantly trying to find a way to survive.

This shows that his way of life is business where his only thoughts are, what am I going to benefit from you? So with Basie it's always about give and take, and survival. Secondly, when Basie commendably says to Jamie, "Bow to the sergeant," this shows survival, planning, and manipulation. Bowing to the sergeant makes the sergeant happy and he might not treat Jamie as bad as he would usually treat him. Survival and manipulation can sometimes be a part in business so this fits in perfectly. Basie shows uncountable business and survival qualities that make scenes more interesting for viewers to watch.