The Assumption Game Character Descriptions: Facilitators Guide

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Maria, 34 years old, Puerto Rican

She is seen leaving a large city office building, a diaper bag on her shoulder and a shopping bag in the other and a folder with applications for Medicaid.

A social worker and ESL teacher who is bringing food and baby supplies to a homeless family.

Joseph, 19 years old, Jewish

He is wearing jeans and a leather jacket and is holding a small plastic bag with something in it. He is hanging out on a stoop with several young kids. He keeps looking down the street.

Joseph has diabetes and the bag contains his blood sugar testing device. He is sitting with his siblings as he waits for a ride to the doctor for a check-up.

Rodney, 17 years old, African-American

He is wearing a sweat suit and Nike sneakers and is seen walking across a school playground with a basketball in one arm and a boom box in the other.

A talented musician who will be going to college to study piano. He coaches little kids in basketball during his spare time.

Lisa, 21 years old, White (Italian-American)

She is wearing a plain skirt and a sweater and is walking into a church building with a book bag over one shoulder.

On her way to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. After stopping her drinking and getting her GED, she is beginning college.

Grace, 60 years old, White (Irish-American)

She is wearing pearls, a pink dress, and high heels, and is seen walking past several art galleries on Madison Avenue, dabbing her eyes with a handkerchief.

Recently released from a psychiatric hospital. She attempted suidice after her husband died of cancer.

Jorge, 28 years old, Dominican

He is wearing camouflage pants, a T-shirt and Timberland boots, and is seen leaving a gym, holding the hand of his lover.

Unemployed construction worker who was recently fired for the third time because of fights with his coworkers.

Shaniqua, 32 years old, African-American

She is wearing a mini skirt, rpped black tights, and a denim jacket and is seen riding the subway, nodding off to sleep with several large bags of clothes at her feet

Actress/dancer who is on her way home after a long rehearsal for an upcoming production. She is bringing home her costumes to wash.

Wilson, 15 years old, Chinese-American

He is wearing khaki pants and Reebok sneakers, and is seen leaving a newsstand with his arms full of books and a calculator in his pocket.

Member of a notorious Chinatown gang, facing juvenile charges for extorting money from small businesses in the neighborhood.

Asim, 40 years old, Saudi Arabian

Hi is wearing traditional Middle Eastern clothes and is walking hurriedly into a dark alley with an old leather briefcase in his hand.

Physician who recently moved to the U.S. and is hurrying to help a patient with little money who lives in a rough part of the city.

Janice, 25 years old, White

She is wearing tight clothing, lots of makeup, stiletto heels, and is standing on a street corner waving at passing cars.

Undercover police officer who had received a number of awards for her work in attempting to stop prostitution in the neighborhood.

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Which 3 people would you choose? For each person, write at least 3 clear reasons why you would choose them.

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Reflection: How did the activity make you feel? What was the point of the activity? Did your mind change at the end?