Flat Character

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Answer These Questions:

- What about Katharine makes her a flat character?
- 2. How does the flat character affect the theme of the book?
- 3. How does the flat character affect the way a reader views other characters?
- 4. What is the author's purpose in including a flat character?
- 5. What message does the flat character provide?

Now You Try!

In 2-3 sentences, describe someone you know as if they were a flat character.