

Study Questions for

*Darkly Dreaming Dexter*, chapter one

**Character Analysis.**

Characters are characterized by their thoughts, actions, relationships, appearances in society, and the way in which they speak.

1. Find one example for each of these elements in order to characterize Dexter:

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|  | Example | What does it say about Dexter? |
| Thought |  |  |
| Action |  |  |
| Relationship |  |  |
| Speech |  |  |

2. We do not get much information about Dexter’s appearance in the excerpt of the novel, but what can we conclude about his physique based on the way he captures and fixates Father Donovan?

3. Characterize Father Donovan:

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|  | Example | What does it say about Father Donovan? |
| Thought |  |  |
| Action |  |  |
| Relationship |  |  |
| Speech |  |  |

4. To what extent is Dexter the typical main character in crime fiction?

**Theme.**

The story about Dexter focuses on the existential question of what evil is. Why is Dexter an interesting (main) character with which to explore evil as a theme?