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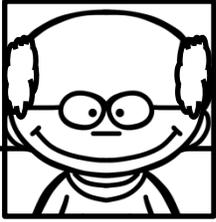
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# Geris Game



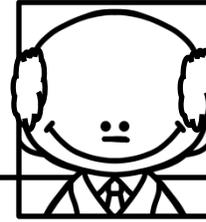
White Geri

- List two reasons the character with glasses is nicknamed White Geri.

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List personality traits of White Geri.

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Black Geri

- Name two things this character does to earn the nickname Black Geri.

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List personality traits of Black Geri.

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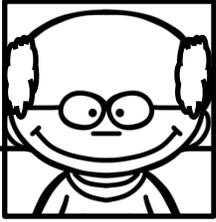
Describe Geri's mental state. \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the story is 'told' without any words. \_\_\_\_\_

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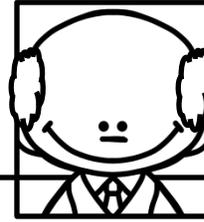
# Geris Game - Answer Key

White Geri



- **List two reasons the character with glasses is nicknamed White Geri.**
- White Geri plays with the white game pieces. He is also the 'good' character. In old western films, a white hat signified the character who was good or of high virtue while the characters with black hats were bad or evil villains.
- **List characteristics and personality traits of White Geri.**
  - wears glasses
  - appears to be a deep thinker
  - looks worried – scratches his head
  - appears nervous – hands tremble

Black Geri



- **Name two things this character does to earn the nickname Black Geri.**
- Black Geri plays the chess game using the black game pieces. His personality appears more like the 'bad guy' as he makes fun and teases his opponent.
- **List characteristics and personality traits of Black Geri.**
  - grins and laughs as he makes moves during the game
  - taunts White Geri by shaking his finger in a motion that 'says' wrong move/bad decision
  - gives the appearance of having a lot of confidence at playing chess by using boastful expressions

## Describe Geri's mental state.

This is a good question for discussion. Geri could be considered senile by playing a game with himself. Geri could also be bored or lonely, so he 'invents' a friend to play a game with.

## Describe how the story is 'told' without any words.

Mannerisms, gestures, facial expressions, and the interaction between the two characters are ways the film maker shows the personality of each of the characters.

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