

BLM 12 – *The Character Kahu*

After reading or listening to *The Whale Rider* Chapters 12 to 15, describe the character Kahu using these six qualifiers cited in the six charts below. Write Kahu’s major characteristics and defend your answers, citing specifics from the novel. Be sure to include page numbers from your novel when citing. Characteristics are descriptive words that identify a quality of the character or describe how another character responds. See the example provided in the final chart for how Rawiri responds/feels towards Kahu.

Kahu’s Actions

Major Characteristics	Evidence

Kahu’s Language

Major Characteristics	Evidence

Belonging

Kahu's Thoughts

Major Characteristics	Evidence

Kahu's Body Language

Major Characteristics	Evidence

Kahu's Physical Appearance

Major Characteristics	Evidence

How Kahu Relates to Others

Major Characteristics	Evidence
Full of pride but tinged with sadness	Kahu's uncle Rawiri is extremely proud of Kahu when she recited her genealogy and "conveyed how grateful she was to live in Whangara and that her main in life was to fulfill the wishes of her grandfather and of the tribe" (p.87). Rawiri is sad for Kahu because he knows that Koro Apirana is the one person his niece really wanted to have attend the school ceremony.