Abstract
Research shows that a large number of children stop reading for pleasure between the second and fifth grade. This critical period coincides with the time that students are transitioning from reading picture books to reading chapter books. This transition may be problematic for several reasons, including whether the books between these levels are available, interesting, and relatable, and if they allow readers to feel successful. Another disturbing trend is the continued lack of children's literature that reflects the racial make-up of the United States. Researchers have found that when readers encounter texts that feature characters like them and with whom they can connect, they are more likely to be interested in books and to see how reading can play a role in their lives. The purpose of this study is to examine transitional books to determine the percentage of main characters and major secondary characters that feature people of color, as well as the percentage of authors that are people of color.
A novel contains two types of character: major characters and minor characters. The majors are known as round characters and the minors as flat characters. So if your central character is travelling on a bus, for example, don’t just describe the dirty windows and the uncomfortable seats. Describe the passengers, too, perhaps singling out the odd interesting one. A Closer Look at Major and Minor Characters. Having described the four types of character, I can now reduce them to just two broad types: majors and minors... The major characters are the small handful of principal players in your novel, the protagonist included. Everyone else – except for the extras, who really don’t count – will be minor characters. The language barrier is one of the main barriers that limit effective communication. Language is the most commonly employed tool of communication. The fact that each major region has its own language is one of the Barriers to effective communication. Sometimes even a thick dialect may render the communication ineffective. As per some estimates, the dialects of every two regions changes within a few kilometers. Even in the same workplace, different employees will have different linguistic skills. As a result, the communication
channels that span across the organization would be affected by this... A person who is emotionally mature will be able to communicate effectively. On the other hand, people who let their emotions take over will face certain difficulties. Many transitional books are series books whose characters, style, and likely story progression is familiar. These books support students’ development as readers in the same way as the repetitive language and structure of emergent and early readers supported them when they were first learning to read (Taberski 2000). The Role of Multicultural Literature in Reading Motivation and Achievement. In other words, when children of color encounter characters that look like them and whose stories mirror their own experiences and culture, they are more likely to see how reading can play a role in their lives and to develop a love of reading (Heflin and Barksdale-Ladd 2001). Reading multicultural literature is not just connected to reading motivation. 2. Political barriers: The political climate of a country plays a major impact on international trade. Political violence may change the attitudes towards the foreign firms at any time. And this impact can create an unfavorable atmosphere for international business. 3. Tariffs and trade restrictions: Tariffs and trade restrictions are also the barriers to international trade. They are discussed below: o Tariffs: A duty or tax, levied on goods brought into a country. Tariffs can be used to discourage foreign competitors from entering a domestic market. They are a form of protectionist policy. Many countries use tariffs to shield domestic industries from foreign competition. o Trade restrictions: Besides tariffs, other trade restrictions include quotas, embargoes, and voluntary export restraints. Quotas limit the amount of goods that can be imported into a country, while embargoes forbid the importation of specific goods. Voluntary export restraints are agreements between countries to limit the export of certain goods.