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Dickens's Designs

Directions: Read the two short excerpts below, each featuring a main character created by Charles Dickens. Pay attention to how Dickens describes their actions, feelings, and personalities. Fill in the comparison chart, looking at similarities and differences in how Dickens develops these characters.

***Oliver Twist* (Excerpt Adapted)**

Oliver was a small boy, pale and thin from years of hunger. He spoke politely, though with a tremor in his voice, as he asked for a little more food. Behind his timid words was a stubborn spark of courage; an insistence that life must hold more than endless want.

***Great Expectations* (Excerpt Adapted)**

Pip stood before Miss Havisham's grand table, overwhelmed by the strangeness of the room. His curiosity was tangled with fear, yet he could not resist looking closely at every detail. Though shy, he carried within him an eagerness to rise above his station, to be seen as worthy of more than his simple beginnings.

Trait/Aspect	Oliver (<i>Oliver Twist</i>)	Pip (<i>Great Expectations</i>)	Similarities/Differences
Physical Description			
Personality Traits			
Hopes/Desires			
Struggles/Challenges			
Author's Style (wording)			