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Dickens's Designs Answer Key

Sample Chart (Completed)

Trait/Aspect	Oliver (<i>Oliver Twist</i>)	Pip (<i>Great Expectations</i>)	Similarities/Differences
Physical Description	Pale, thin, small, weak	Not described as weak, but simple/ordinary	Both are humble boys, not grand or powerful
Personality Traits	Timid, polite, quietly brave	Curious, fearful yet ambitious	Both show a mix of fear and courage
Hopes/Desires	Wants more than poverty and hunger	Wants to rise above his social class	Both yearn for "more" in life
Struggles/Challenges	Starvation, mistreatment in workhouse	Social limitations, class expectations	Both face society's harsh barriers
Author's Style (wording)	Uses imagery of hunger, weakness, spark	Uses imagery of fear, curiosity, longing	Dickens highlights vulnerability but also resilience

Teacher Notes

- **Skill Focus:** Students learn to **compare across texts by the same author**, noticing consistent themes and style.
- **Differentiation:** Provide scaffolding by filling one row of the chart as a class before having students complete the rest.
- **Extension:** Ask students to find another Dickens character (e.g., David Copperfield) and add him to the chart for a three-way comparison.