***Like Water For Chocolate by Laura Esquivel***

**CHARACTER LIST:**

DIRECTIONS: As we read the novel, keep a list of all the main and minor characters. For each character describe their role in the narrative and list a physical and personality trait when possible. See the example of Dr. John Brown below.

**Dr. John Brown** – (EXAMPLE) This character is the family doctor who lives in Eagle Pass

who saves Tita from her traumatic home situation. Wants to marry Tita Personality trait: Compassionate.

**Juan Alejandrez** – This character is a captain in the revolutionary army; he leaves the battlefield for the ranch and carries off Gertrudis after smelling roses from quail in rose petal sauce becomes husband of Gertrudis, becomes general in the military

Personality trait: brave

**Mama Elena De la Garza** – This character is the mother of Rosaura and Tita

Personality trait: cruel, uncompassionate, stubborn, follows tradition

**Rosaura De la Garza** – This character is the sister of Tita and wife of Pedro

Personality trait: wants Pedro to love her, can be compassionate, follows tradition, stubborn

**Tita De la Garza** – This character is the youngest daughter of Mama Elena and sister of Rosaura and Gertrudis; becomes family cook after Nacha dies; supposedly has to take care of Mama Elena until she dies; in love with Pedro

Personality trait: questioning, fiery, adventurous, smart, beautiful,

**Paquita Lobo** – This character is the De la Garzas’ neighbor; has unusually sharp senses. She can tell when something is wrong with Tita; she suggested that Tita seemed to be pregnant Tita suspected the same thing.

Personality trait: thoughtful, insightful, compassionate, talkative

**Morning Light** – This character is the grandmother of John; she used herbs as medicine and made miracle cures; (aka “the Kikapu”); she appears in the kitchen and gives Tita tea

Personality trait: giving, helpful, kind

**Esperanza Muzquiz** – This character is the second child (first daughter) of Rosaura and Pedro, she is married to Alex (John’s son), she is mostly raised by Tita (Tita loves her)

Personality trait: self-confident, intelligent, prepared, happy, capable, feminine, womanly, beautiful

**Pedro Muzquiz** – This character is the husband of Rosaura, married Rosauara to be near Tita, and is in love with Tita, Esperanza and Roberto’s father

Personality triat: weak, emotional

**Roberto Muzquiz** – This character is the first son of Pedro and Rosaura, like a son to Tita (breastfed and loved by Tita), dies young after Pedro and Rosaura take him to Texas

**Nacha** – This character is like a mother to Tita, experienced cook for the De la Garza family, died at marriage of Rosaura and Pedro

Personality trait: kind, caring, compassionate, loving, talkative, hard working

**Narrator** – This character is the great niece of Tita, daughter of Esperanza, sensitive to onions like Tita

**Chencha-** This character is the maid of the De la Garza house, loyal to Tita and like a confidant to her, is raped after visiting Tita at John’s house, falls in love

Personality trait: helpful, tries to entertain Tita, talkative (makes stories to scare Tita), likes gossip,

**Jose Trevino** – This character was the love of Mama Elena’s life; he was mulatto; father of Gertrudis

**(BONUS CHARACTERS)The Food:**

This character appears in every chapter and is made mainly by Tita; it expresses and evokes emotion; it is magical; the recipes have been passed down and created by Tita