

Where the Red Fern Grows

LITERARY ELEMENTS WORKSHEET

Motivation

Why do characters behave the way they do? **Motivation** is the term for the personal qualities, feelings, and experiences that “push” a character toward one action rather than another. The characters in this novel are pushed, or motivated, by various forces—pushed into action and, sometimes, into conflict.

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