



## First impressions of Miss Minton

On the left hand side are quotations from the novel describing Miss Minton

*In the right hand column, write a detailed sentence, or two shorter sentences, explaining what ideas about her character these details suggest.*

*Use clear and precise vocabulary, and aim to vary some of your sentence starts with adverbial or prepositional phrases.*

1. 'the tall, gaunt woman looked more like a rake or a nutcracker than a human being.'	The writer is suggesting that Miss Minton is made from metal and wood, therefore she is not gentle or soft.
2. 'a hand in a black glove, bony and cold as a  skeleton'	This quotation adds to how she doesn't look like human, her black gloves also suggest that she may be evil, cruel, fierce and harsh.
3. 'Miss Minton... was handing her [Maia] a clean handkerchief, embroidered with the initial 'A'.'	We start to see that Miss Minton is kind, and compassionate because she lends Maia her handkerchief. We can also see that she is starting to be kind because the handkerchief is not just any, it's clean and it sound very fancy.
4. 'Her eyes, behind the thick, dark-rimmed spectacles, were the colour of mud, her mouth was narrow, her nose thin and sharp'	Her eyes suggest that she is not imaginative, intelligent or lively, this doesn't give Maia a good feeling about her. Her glasses suggests that she does a lot of reading. 



5. 'I threw him on the ground and knelt on him and belaboured him with my umbrella,' said Miss Minton.'

Her umbrella makes me think of Lucius Malfoy's wand, and he is not a nice character. Miss Minton's actions suggests that she is evil and fearsome. This story made Maia afraid that it is going to happen to her. Miss Minton also has a hat pin that would be able to kill someone, this also made Maia afraid.

What did we learn that helped us see the other side of this story?