**Character Development Handout: Big Fish**

**Directions:** Read over the following questions. As you watch the film, answer the questions, making sure to pay close attention to the character you were assigned.

**Character Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Questions**

1. How is the character introduced? Is there anything significant about the character’s introduction?
2. What is the character’s relationship to the story?
3. Describe the character’s appearance. What does this say about him/her?
4. What is he/she like? Describe the character’s personality.
5. What kind of emotional reaction do you think the director wanted the viewers to have about this character?
6. How does the main character feel about him/her?
7. How do the other characters feel about him/her?
8. What things does he/she consider important? How can you tell?
9. What kinds of choices does the character make throughout the film? What do they tell you about him/her?
10. Describe his/her behavior toward others.
11. Are there any changes in the character from the beginning to the end of the film? If so, describe.
12. Did your impression of the character change from the beginning to the end of the film? Explain.

**Part Two:** *Imagine you are a group of aspiring screenwriters. Your task is first to choose a scene from the movie, “Big Fish,” in which your character is prominent. Then, you are going to work together to recreate the script for that scene, including dialogue, costumes, setting, camera shots, lighting cues, etc. Each group member will be responsible for covering at least one aspect of the script during the presentation.*