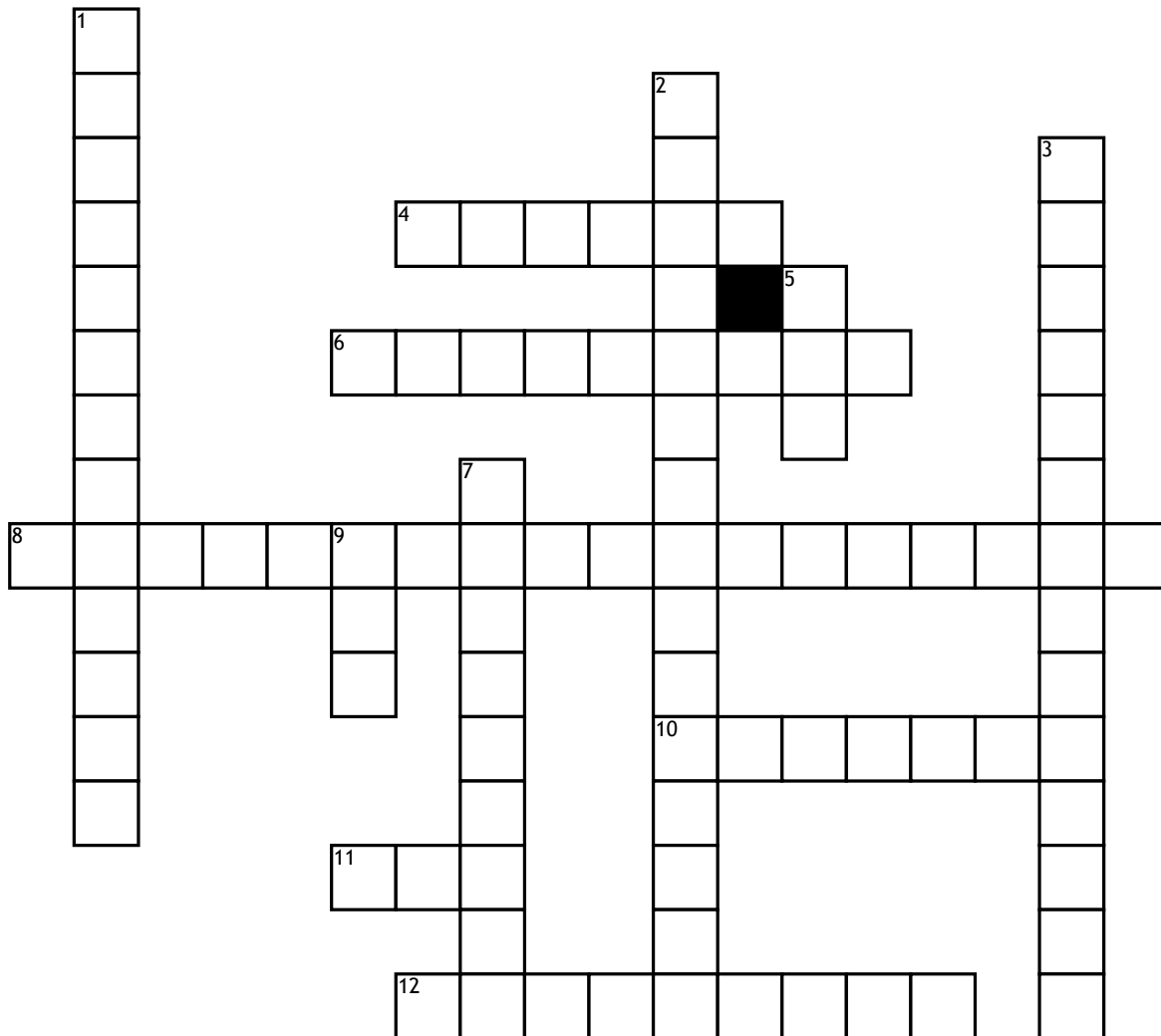


Character Analysis



Across

4. Melinda's history teacher, he abuses his authority in the classroom to push his own ideas until David Petrakis stands up to him.

6. art teacher, he serves as a role model for her on how to use art to express and deal with difficult emotions.

8. He is unable to understand her situation or adequately discipline other students.

10. Does not accept her role as outcast and does her best to win popularity by ingratiating herself with various groups at school.

11. She works extra-long hours in a clothing store and is always stressed and exhausted.

12. Antagonist; narcissistic senior in high school who is used to getting his way, either through charm or

Down

1. Melinda's lab partner; he speaks up against Mr. Neck's poor behavior as a teacher and thus serves as both a role model and friend for Melinda.

2. Melinda's former best friend; her relationship with Andy Evans spurs Melinda to speak up.

3. Protagonist; spirals into a dark depression; loses her ability to speak with ease; and can express her pain only through physical acts, such as biting her lips and

5. Has a less demanding job than her mom and is not always as helpful around the house as he could be.

7. She tries her best to get her students engaged with literature and writing.

9. One of Melinda's former friends, reconnects with her through art and their shared distaste for Andy Evans.