Dog Traits Teacher's Sheet

Physical traits	Function/significance
Smell	above average olfactory receptors = very good smellers
Sight	above average number of rods = very good sight
Hearing	long pointed ears = very good hearing
Speed	long legs = fast runner
Endurance	large heart = more oxygen = very good endurance
Strength	large muscles = very strong
Coat color	color can allow a dog to camouflage with its environment
Hair length	long hair = keep dog warm; gets heavy when wet short hair = keep dog cool; does not get heavy when wet
Behavioral traits	
Trainability	high trainability = learns quickly; follows directions; does not get distracted low trainability = easily distracted; have to keep on a leash most times; crazy
Disposition	vicious = will attack if commanded; is not afraid of other dogs or people compatible = friendly; likes to help others; very social
Bark	loud bark = can be used as a warning quiet bark = won't scare others