

There are so many characters in books that I could choose from. To choose just one seems almost impossible! But, if I had to pick my favorite, I would have to say it is Scarlett O'hara. If you have ever read the book *Gone With the Wind*, then you are familiar with her character in the book. Scarlett was strong, elegant, and charming. Those characteristics are what make her my all time favorite character.

First of all, Scarlett was the strongest woman I have ever read about. When I say strong you probably think I mean strong as in she could bench two hundred fifty pounds! That, however, is not what I mean. By strong I mean she had a strong soul and mind. The book takes place in the middle of a war and everything Scarlett has is ruined but she works and makes money herself. I have never read about anyone with as strong a mind and soul as her.

Second, Scarlett was the most elegant lady there ever was. Even though she had to get down on her hands and knees and pick cotton, she could still keep her pride and her elegance. At the beginning of the story she goes to all the formal parties. She always dressed in the most fashionable clothing and almost always presented herself as a lady. Even though she sweated while working out in the sun without the proper protection, she was still very graceful and elegant.

Finally, I give you my last reason for loving Scarlett O'hara. Scarlett was so very charming. Okay, so maybe she wasn't so charming to the other young women, but all of the men found her very pleasing. Scarlett wasn't even that beautiful. Somehow though, because of her charming nature I assume, all the men

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were drawn to her. She was the belle of the ball as they said back then. Maybe if I was half as charming as she was then I could get a boyfriend!

So, as you can tell there are many things to like about Scarlett. She had such a strong soul that she could have led an army to victory. She was as elegant as a queen. Her charm even had men surrounding her like bees surround a pot of honey. For all of those reasons Scarlett O'Hara has to be my favorite character ever. There is not even a close second.

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### Score Point: 6

This response reflects outstanding proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer's reasons for choosing Scarlett O'Hara as a favorite character are specific and well developed. Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are clearly displayed and sustained (you probably think I mean strong as in she could bench two-hundred fifty pounds; because of her charming nature I assume, all the men were drawn to her; her charm even had men surrounding her like bees surround a pot of honey). Although the transitions lack sophistication, the response is well organized and unified.