**Characters in the Novel – The Chrysalids**

**1.  The Strorm Family**

**David Strorm**: Hero of the novel; possesses a peculiar telepathic ability which causes the main conflict in the novel.

**Joseph Strorm**: David's father; champion of purity in all forms of life; leading figure in Waknuk.

**Emily Strorm**: David's mother; a pathetic woman who lives in the shadow of her husband.

**Petra Strorm**: David's younger sister; possesses awesome telepathic powers; causes the crisis of the novel and ultimate brings rescue.

**Aunt Harriet**: Emily's sister; gives birth to a slightly deviate infant and, after failing to conceal it, commits suicide with the baby.

**Mary Strorm**: David's older sister; somewhat sympathetic to him.

**Uncle Axel**: David's uncle; knows about David's ability; broad-minded and philosophical; acts as protector of David during the latter's youth; functions as mouthpiece to express the author's opinions.

**Elias Strorm**: David's grandfather; not part of the novel but was founder of the community of Waknuk, and largely responsible for its philosophy.

**Spider Man**: The older brother of Joseph Strorm; deprived of his rights as a boy because of deviational developments in his arms and legs; lives in the Fringes.

**2.  The Group**

**David**

**Petra**

**Michael**: Eldest of the group; best educated; acts as leader and philosopher.

**Rosalind Morton**: David's half-cousin and sweetheart; flees with him to the Fringes.

**Anne**: Only member of the group to violate its solidarity; marries a "norm"; commits suicide.

R**achel**: Anne's sister; loyal to the group.

**Katherine**: First to be discovered by Waknuk; under torture reveals David, Rosalind and Petra.

**Sally**: Neighbour of Katherine; captured with her.

**Mark**: Lives farthest from the group; along with Michael and Rachel, he is not discovered.

**3.  The Others**

**Sophie Wender**: Childhood friend of David; discovered as a deviate and banished to the Fringes; most pathetic victim of Waknuk's philosophy.

**The Wenders**: Martie and Johnny, Sophie's parents; because they concealed Sophie, they, too, were banished.

**Angus Morton**: Rosalind's father; in constant feud with Joseph Strorm over deviations; seems to have more common sense than his enemy.

**Old Jacob**: Keeper at the Strorm farm; ultra conservative believer in Waknuk's religion.

**Alan Ervin**: Anne's husband; had reported Sophie Wender and planned to blackmail the members of the group; dies a violent death.

**The Sealand Lady**: Woman in distant civilization who communicates with Petra.

**Jerome Skinner**: Stranger to Waknuk, but partially responsible for discovery of some of the group.

**The Inspector**: Responsible for purity in Waknuk; carries authority of the government in Rigo; a reasonable man, but not intelligent enough to think his way past the limits of his job.