

CHARACTERIZATION DETAILS

Name: _____

An author crafts a character in the mind of the reader through the character's speech, thoughts, appearance, personality, actions, and interactions. We call this process characterization.

CHARACTERIZATION: The descriptions and details that an author provides to create the character in the imagination of the readers.

CHARACTER TRAITS: The qualities that constitute (make up) the character's personality (bravery, selfishness, athleticism, loyalty, intelligence, etc.).

DIRECT CHARACTERIZATION: When the narrator or speaker states the character's traits or motivations directly. (For example, "She was courageous in the face of danger.")

INDIRECT CHARACTERIZATION: The details that allow the reader to make inferences (conclusions from "reading between the lines") about a character.

MOTIVATION: The emotions and desires behind a character's behavior.

Select relevant evidence from the text to analyze a character. Recognize direct characterization (explicit) and make inferences based on indirect characterization.

CHARACTER: _____

Textual evidence: _____

Analysis: _____

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Describe the character's personality, values, and motivations in general.
What does the author emphasize?

