

Characterization Student Activity Sheet

Name _____

Date _____

Title _____

Author _____

- **Characterization** is the way or ways in which a writer reveals information about a character.
- In **direct characterization**, a writer makes direct statements about a character's appearance, personality, and actions.
- In **indirect characterization**, a writer suggests information about a character through what the character says and does, what other characters say about him or her, or how other characters behave toward him or her.

Directions: Think about a character in the work that you are reading—a character who has made an impression on you. Answer these questions about that character, noting page references from the work that support your answers:

1. Who is that character, and what makes him or her memorable?
2. What does the writer tell you directly about the character's
 - a. appearance?
 - b. personality?
 - c. actions?
3. Give examples of how the writer develops the character through
 - a. things that the character says or thinks:
 - b. things that the character does:
 - c. other characters' comments about him or her:
 - d. other characters' behavior toward him or her:
4. Based on what you have read so far, why do you think that it is important to have this information about the character?