

# Characterization

**Characterization** refers to the methods that a writer uses to develop characters. A writer may use any or all of the following methods of characterization:

- description of a character’s physical appearance
- a character’s speech, thoughts, feelings, or actions
- what other characters think and say about this character
- the narrator’s direct comments about a character

Use a chart like the one below to note the characterization methods used in stories you read.

**Title:**

**Author:**

**Character:**

What the Story Says	Method of Characterization	What It Tells Me About the Character