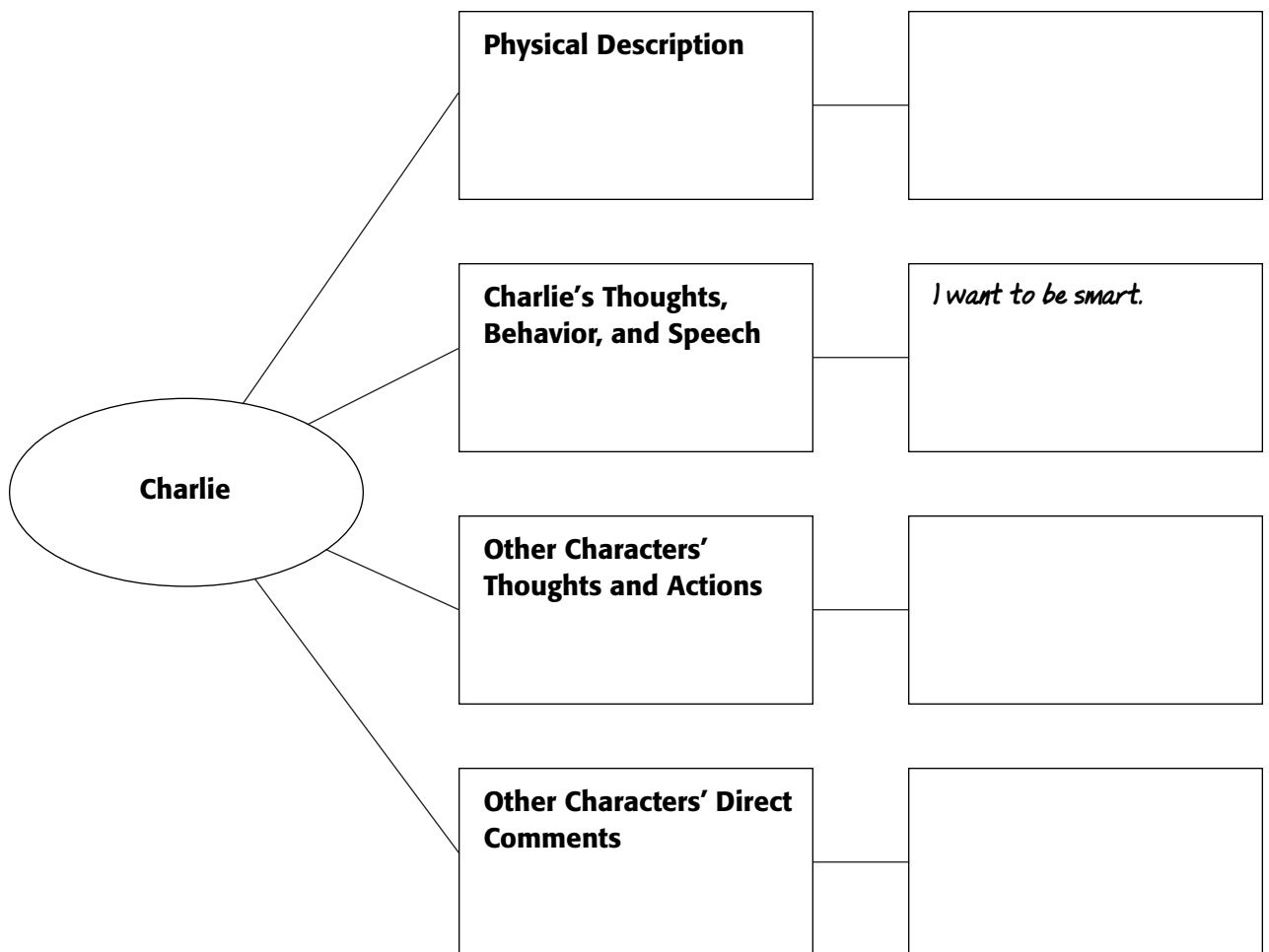


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### Literary Analysis SkillBuilder

#### Characterization

**Characterization** refers to the techniques used by a writer to build and reveal various elements of a character. Character may be developed through the character's physical description; through his or her thoughts, speech, or behavior; and through other characters' comments or actions. In the diagram below, note examples of different techniques used by the author to develop Charlie's character. Extend the chart to record more than one example of each technique.



**Follow Up:** Discuss what the characterization technique of revealing Charlie's thoughts contributes to the effect of the story.