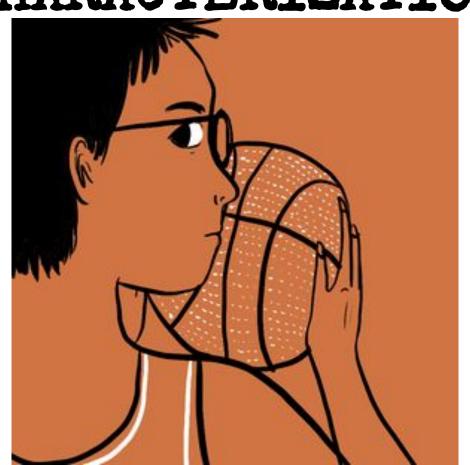
# CHARACTERIZATION



## Characterization

The author's job of giving a character personality traits.

### Direct Characterization

Characteristics or personality traits told by the author.

Character traits are adjective words that describe their personality in general.

## Direct Characterization

Examples

### Indirect Characterization

Characteristics or personality traits told through the story.

#### S.T.E.A.L.

S.T.E.A.L. is a tool we use to give a personality to a character through indirect characterization.

# Speech

- · The words they use (word choice)
- · The complexity of their speech
- · Accents
- Stuttering

# Thoughts

- · Their beliefs
- · Their internal monologue
- · Their opinions
- · Their emotions

### Effect on others

- · Positive or negative influence?
- · What they cause others to do
- · Befriend or antagonize?

### Actions

- · Public behavior
- Treatment of others
- Responses to stress

### Looks

- · Appearance
- Dress
- · Facial expressions
- Body language
- · Clothing

| Type of Indirect | Examples | Use direct quote or action from text. | Explanation | Identify and explain<br>the character trait in<br>1 sentence. |
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| Thoughts         |          |                                       |             |   |
| Effect on others |          |                                       |             |   |
| Actions          |          |                                       |             |   |
| Looks            |          |                                       |             |   |

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Using S.T.E.A.L., identify indirect characterization that Sherman Alexie uses in order to understand the narrator in the story.