Characterization is the process by which the author reveals the personality of the characters. There are two types of characterization: direct and indirect. **Direct characterization** is when the author **TELLS** the audience what the personality of the character is. Example: "The patient boy and quiet girl were both at the game." The author is directly telling us the personality of the children. (Patient and quiet). **Indirect characterization** is when the author **SHOWS** things that reveal the peronality of the character. There are five different methods of indirect characterization: speech, thoughts, effect on other characters, actions, and looks. (**STEAL**)

Method	F.Y.I	What to Look For	Textual Support (Place Your Quote Here)	What personality traits do you see?	How does the text support help illustrate the conflicts and theme? This is the most important part of your STEAL chart, for this is where you talk about what the quote is important to the entire work. Does it help the author get his/her message across? If so, then how?
Speech	The words that a person speaks say a great deal about them. However, what a person *does not say* reveals just as much.	Find a quote where the character says something that you think is important to the story.			
Thoughts	The thoughts are often revealed through dialogue and body language.	Find a quote in which the character is showing how he/she really feels. It might be something that no one else in the story knows.			
Effect on Others	The way a person interacts with other person says a great deal about their character.	Look at how the characters treat each other. Find a quote that shows how other characters feel about the character you selected.			
Actions	It is in the actions of people that the true character emerges.	What does the character do to show the reader what he/she is really thinking? Find an example!			
Looks	This category does not include only a physical description, but facial expression and dress as well.	Does the author describe how the character looks? Are there pictures? Is there body language? Description of clothing?			

Tips: When completing the "traits" box, select an **adjective** that describes the traits/qualities that the quoted text "brings out" in the character
   (Ex. Selfish, generous, humble, and arrogant; "poor," for example, is not a trait). Try not to use simple descriptions like "nice"
      – be as specific as possible!