








Indirect Characterization

Authors reveal a character’s personality through the character’s **speech, thoughts, effect on others, actions,** and **looks**. This is called indirect characterization. Use the mnemonic device S.T.E.A.L to remember the five methods.

Character: _____ Text or Book: _____

Method	Example from the text	Inference
<p>Speech</p>  <p>What does the character say? How does he/she say it (dialect, word choice)?</p>	<p>Page # _____</p>	<p>This example reveals (shows). . .</p>
<p>Thoughts</p>  <p>What does the character think or feel?</p>	<p>Page # _____</p>	
<p>Effect on others</p>  <p>How does the character affect others in the story?</p>	<p>Page # _____</p>	
<p>Actions</p>  <p>What does the character do? How does he/she behave?</p>	<p>Page # _____</p>	
<p>Looks</p>  <p>What does the character look like? What is his/her physical appearance?</p>	<p>Page # _____</p>	