**Characterization**

Writers most often use indirect characterizationto \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not tell) things that reveal the personality of a character:

**Indirect characterization**

It is more like the way we learn about people in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life because we naturally observe people and characters in films, etc. to figure out his/her/its personality.

It is like we are stealing information to make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about them .

Remember the word, STEAL…

The letters in the word “STEAL” can help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the five different ways writers use indirect characterization to create characters:

**“S” stands for SPEECH.**

Why it works:

*Writers help readers learn about a character by giving the character something to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and a unique way to say it. This brings out the personality of characters*

**“T” stands for THOUGHTS.**

What can we learn about the character through reading his/her/its private thoughts?

Why it works:

*Writers allow readers to learn the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_thoughts of characters to learn the personality of characters.*

**“E” stands for EFFECT ON OTHERS**

What can be learned about the character by reading how other characters *feel or act* around the him/her/it?

Why it works:

*Writers create \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for characters to help readers learn the personality of characters.*

**“A” stands for ACTIONS.**

What does the character do? How does the character \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Why it works:

*Writers create actions for characters to help readers learn the personality of characters.*

**“L” stands for LOOKS.**

What does the character look like? How does the character dress?

Why it works:

*Writers use descriptions of characters’ physical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help readers learn the personality of characters.*

STEAL: Tuesday of the Other June:

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| Speech |  |
| Thoughts |  |
| Effect on Others |  |
| Actions |  |
| Looks |  |

STEAL: Character from the book you are reading.

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| Speech |  |
| Thoughts |  |
| Effect on Others |  |
| Actions |  |
| Looks |  |