**Every story needs Characters…**

The protagonist is the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

The antagonist is the “bad guy” or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Characterization is the way in which an author shows \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a character

Characterization is a technique writers use to make characters “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Think about your favorite book character…**

How can you describe his/her appearance?

What kind of personality does he/she have?

What kinds of things does he/she like?

Make a list of character traits for this character.

**Characterization**

**Characters are people or animals in a story.**

A writer can tell you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_about a character… (Freddy was very competitive)

Or

A writer can tell you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about a character… (Two days before the game, Freddy gathered his teammates and laid out his plan. Then he looked at them and said, “We are going to win this one. No excuses.”)

**Character Traits**  
Character Traits are descriptive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that tell us specific qualities of a character

**Factors in Analyzing Characters**

Physical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/what they look like

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & Character Traits

Background/personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Motivation/why do they act?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conflict or struggles

Does the character change?

What do they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and feel?

How do others feel about them?