

DETERMINING METHODS OF CHARACTERIZATION

Title of Selection: _____

Author: _____

Methods of Characterization	Examples from the Selection
INDIRECT CHARACTERIZATION	
The character is revealed through his or her own speech.	
The writer describes how the character looks and dresses.	
The character's private thoughts are revealed.	
The writer reveals what other characters in the story say or think about the character.	
The writer shows what the character does—how he or she acts.	
DIRECT CHARACTERIZATION	
The writer directly states what kind of person the character is: sneaky, honest, evil, innocent, and so on.	