Character and Characterization

- Character: The people or animals in short stories, novels, poems, or plays.
- Characterization: The ways in which an author reveals the traits of characters to his audience.
  
  *Direct Characterization* is a method where in the author tells his readers about the character.
  
  *Indirect Characterization* requires the reader to infer facts about a character’s traits.

Essential Questions

- Who are the main characters, and what are they like?
- What do they think?
- What do they say?
- What do they do?
- What do they feel?

Model Children’s Books

*Amelia and Eleanor Go For a Ride*—Pam Munoz Ryan

*The Legend of Bluebonnet*—Tomie dePaola

*Wildred Gordon MacDonald Partridge*—Mem Fox
CHARACTER
SELF-PORTRAIT

I am:

I live:

I eat:

I have:

I like:

I hate:

I wish:
WANTED

NAME:

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

SPECIAL FEATURES:

OTHER INFORMATION:
POLICE REPORT FORM

Suspect’s Name

Crime

Description of Suspect

Distinguishing Features

Description of Crime

Past Crimes
Character Analysis Form

Title ____________________  Author ____________________

Character being analyzed ____________________

List five words that best describe the character.  Write evidence from the text.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Choose two descriptive words from your list. Using the evidence that you found in the text, explain why you think the character acts the way he or she does.

Is this character believable or cartoonish? Refer to your descriptive words and evidence from the text to justify your opinion.

What is your opinion about the character? Refer to your descriptive words and evidence from the text to justify your opinion.
Athena BARBIE

3 FEATURES

• Head Splitting Action (can crack open the head of the Zeus doll sold separately)

• Flexible arms and legs (used for fighting and calming yoga poses)

• Pull string action with multiple sayings including: "Down with Men! Women Rule!"

3 ACCESSORIES

• Feathered Helmet and Shield (used only when battling evil doers)

• Membership card for the Virgin Goddesses Club. Join today by going online to www.iK Athena.com

• Magic Eight Ball of Wisdom. Shake the magic eight ball and read Athena's wise words.

ALSO COLLECT:

Hedwig, Athena's wise and adorable owl. A symbol of wisdom for all.

1 VEHICLE:

Horse drawn chariot. Now horses now come with bridles.
3 FEATURES

BARBIE

3 ACCESSORIES

1 VEHICLE:

ALSO COLLECT:
Name

ACTION

3 FEATURES

3 ACCESSORIES

FEATUREING:

ACTION
1. VEHICLE:

ALSO COLLECT