

CHARACTERIZATION

Characterization is the process by which the writer reveals the **personality** of a character.

Characterization is revealed through direct characterization and indirect characterization.

- DIRECT CHARACTERIZATION explicitly tells the audience what the personality of the character is. For example: "*Tony was a gentle, caring man.*"
- INDIRECT CHARACTERIZATION shows things that reveal the personality of a character, through their speech and actions. For example: "*Gently, Tony told the girl that he would look after her.*"



"My theory of characterization is basically this: Put some dirt on a hero, and put some sunshine on the villain, one brush stroke of beauty on the villain." - Justin Cronin