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# Characterization & S.T.E.A.L.

The 5 elements of characterization can be explained with the acronym S.T.E.A.L.

**SPEAK** = **what** (dialogue) and **how** (speaker tags & tone) a character speaks to other characters.

**THOUGHTS** = What a character **thinks, believes, values,** and what **motivates** a character.

**EFFECTS** on OTHERS = The **relationships** the character has with other others and how characters treat each other.

**ACTIONS** = How a character behaves, including how they **react** to people & events.

**LOOKS** = A character's **physical appearance**. This includes physical features, clothing, body language, etc.

**Directions:** It is time to take a closer look at the main character. Go back into the text to identify & explain aspect of the character. Find at least one textual example for each element of characterization (S.T.E.A.L.).

Example & pg. #	What insight does the textual example give us into the character?
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