

Characterization Worksheet

Definition

Characterization is the method through which an author reveals a character's traits.

Methods

There are three ways in which the reader learns about a character.

- i) From descriptions provided by the narrator - this is called "direct characterization."
- ii) Through the character's own words and actions.
- iii) Through the words and actions of other characters.

Task

Think about all you have learned about the two characters below and fill in the chart using point form. Remember to be specific.

	Physical Description	Attitudes and Behavior	Thoughts and Feelings
Jonas	- light eyes - 12 yrs old - wears tunics	- generally behaved but took apple - Ask questions - CURIOUS	- Confused - questions things - Apprehensive about assignment
The Giver	- light eyes - old - weathered - beard	- Wise - OK with lying - blunt	- No opinion on community - so far - Relieved Jonas is taking over as Receiver

Give a brief description for each of the other characters in the novel, using your book for details.

Lily-

Jonas's sister, an eight

Jonas's father-

murderer

Jonas's mother-

judge

Gabriel-

new child; light eyes; living
w/ Jonas's family

Asher-

Jonas's best friend
clumsy yet likeable

Fiona-

Jonas's friend; dreams about
her

Larissa-

Gossipy old lady that Noah
helps bathe

Rosemary-

TBD

The Chief Elder-

Like the president - in charge
of community

The Committee of Elders-

- Committee of older people
- The Receiver is an elder
- They make + enforce
rules of the community