**Character Literary Terms**

1. **character-** a person or animal in a story that an author develops
2. **characterization-** the process of an author revealing a character’s personality
3. **direct characterization-** when an author directly states a character’s personality
4. **indirect characterization-** when an author drops hints or clues about a character’s personality

**5 types:**

**a)** actions

**b)** appearance

**c)** speech

**d)** thoughts and feelings

**e)** other character’s reactions

**5. character trait-** a quality of a character that cannot be seen

**6. inference-** an educated guess

**7. round character-** a three-dimensional character, or one who has been fully developed by the author

**8. flat character-** a two-dimensional character, or one who has not been fully developed by the author

**9. static character-** a character that does not change

**10. dynamic character-** a character whose personality changes permanently as a result of the story’s events

**11. motivation-** a character’s reason for doing something

**12. hero-** the good guy

**13. villain-** the bad guy

**14. protagonist-** the main character

**15**. **antagonist-** a character that aggravates and goes against the main character