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WRITING ABOUT PEOPLE



What is characterization?

Why is it important to write about people in our stories?

Your story will have major and minor characters. You'll need to handle them differently.

There are two methods of describing people:

- Direct characterization
  
- Indirect characterization

There are many ways to characterize a person in your story:

- Physical/appearance



- Actions and gestures
- Profession, interest, hobbies
- Way of speaking
- Disposition
- Life goals, beliefs and values
- Background information

The bottom line in characterizing people is:

Best way to provide descriptive information on a character: