

Building STRONG Characters

“A person’s actions speak louder than words.” Have you ever heard that saying? Think about its meaning. How do you get to know someone?

The answer is, you get to know them by observing what they do, or how they react when they are put in situations. You learn about a

character’s traits by reading what they do in a story. The author doesn’t need to come out and say that the character is brave or strong. Use the,

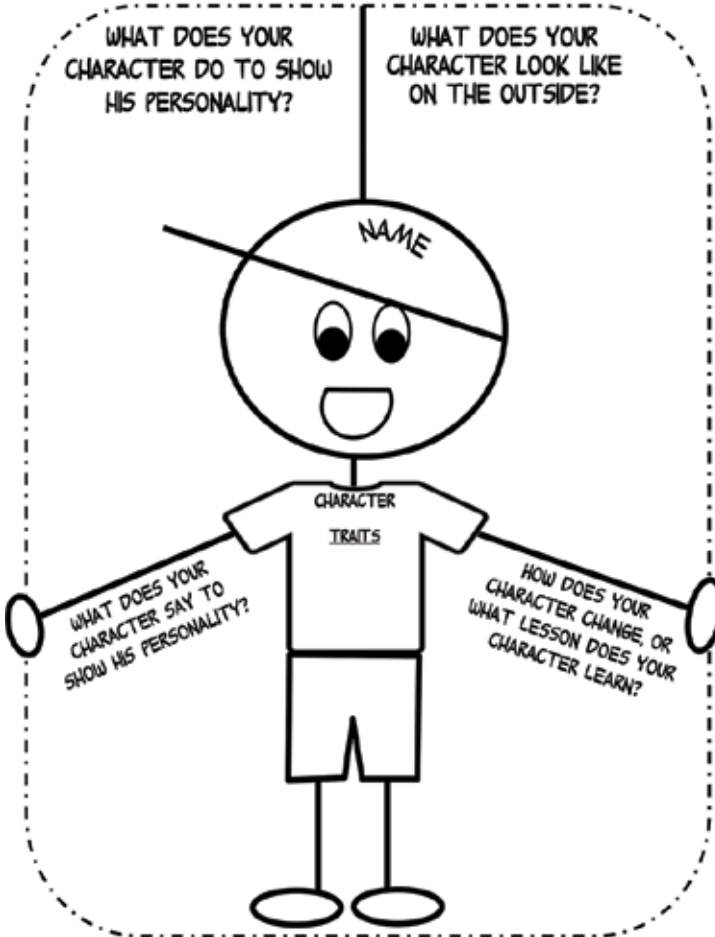
“show don’t tell” technique in your own writing to make your characters come alive for the reader. See if you can tell which Superhero is being described here and what character traits he has.

there, he smashed through a brick wall and fought a whole enemy army. He won easily and some of the enemies ran away. He didn’t always wear his suit of armor, but kept it in a suitcase close by so he would be ready to use it when the world needed him!

He had a powerful energy force and he shot it from his hands and boots, and flew through the sky like a rocket. When he saw crime happening on TV, he flew there quickly to help. Everyone was scared when he got

The Superhero described was, Iron Man! He is daring, brave, adventurous, thoughtful and dependable. We know this through all of his actions that are described here. Now,

CHARACTER PROFILE



WHAT DOES YOUR CHARACTER DO TO SHOW HIS PERSONALITY?

WHAT DOES YOUR CHARACTER LOOK LIKE ON THE OUTSIDE?

NAME _____

CHARACTER TRAITS _____

WHAT DOES YOUR CHARACTER SAY TO SHOW HIS PERSONALITY?

HOW DOES YOUR CHARACTER CHANGE, OR WHAT LESSON DOES YOUR CHARACTER LEARN?

Character Traits



active	considerate	grouchy	mysterious	silly
adventurous	cooperative	happy-go-lucky	nervous	sincere
affectionate	courageous	hateful	noisy	skillful
afraid	cowardly	hopeful	obedient	sly
ambitious	critical	hopeless	obnoxious	smart
anxious	cruel	humorous	observant	sneaky
argumentative	curious	ignorant	optimistic	snobbish
bewildered	daring	imaginative	peaceful	sociable
bossy	dependable	immature	persistent	stingy
brave	determined	impatient	pessimistic	strict
brilliant	dishonest	impolite	picky	stubborn
calm	disrespectful	impulsive	pleasant	studious
bully	eager	independent	proud	sweet
capable	easy-going	insistent	puzzled	talented
careful	efficient	intelligent	quick	talkative
charismatic	energetic	jealous	quiet	thoughtful
charming	enthusiastic	jovial	reliable	thoughtless
childish	fair	lazy	respectful	timid
clever	faithful	logical	responsible	trusting
clumsy	fidgety	lonely	restless	trustworthy
cold-hearted	fierce	lovable	rowdy	unfriendly
compassionate	foolish	loving	rude	versatile
competitive	friendly	loyal	sarcastic	warm-hearted
conceited	funny	lucky	secretive	wise
concerned	generous	mature	selfish	witty
confident	gentle	mean	self-reliant	worried
conscientious	gloomy	moody	sensitive	_____
	greedy			_____