

Get to Know your Story's Characters!

Third graders! Remember what a fantastic story, *Because of Winn-Dixie*, is? We got to know the characters so well – like friends even! This week if you're reading fiction you can think about the characters in your book and get to know them like we got to know India Opal, Winn-Dixie and the all the other characters.

Here's a reminder about how to do that kind of thinking and work while you're reading:

- ✓ Notice what they say, what they *think*, and how they act.
- ✓ Study your observations and grow an idea.
- ✓ Ask yourself, "Why are they...?" and come up with a theory about your character's main traits.

You can practice this in your own reading as well as by using the online e-book, *When Amelia Earhart Built a Roller Coaster*, and by completing the graphic organizer. This book is available on MyOn.

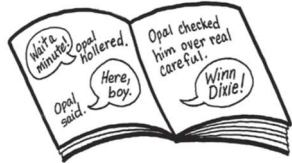
Think about what Amelia says, does, and thinks. What kind of person is she? What do these things tell you about her as a person?

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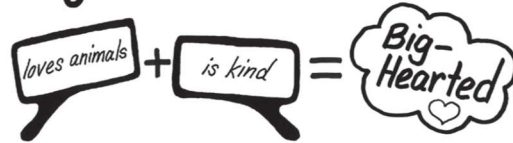
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Character Trait Anchor Chart

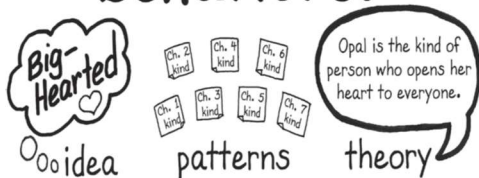
Notice how the character talks and acts.



Study observations to grow an idea.



Notice patterns in a character's behaviors.



Come up with a deeper theory.

