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Characterization & S.T.E.A.L

The 5 elements of characterization can be explained with the acronym S.T.E.A.L

SPEAK = **what** (dialogue) and **how** (speaker tags & tone) a character speaks to other characters.

THOUGHTS = What a character **thinks, believes, values,** and what **motivates** a character.

EFFECTS on OTHERS = The **relationships** the character has with other others and how characters treat each other.

ACTIONS = How a character behaves, including how they **react** to people & events.

LOOKS = A character's **physical appearance.** This includes physical features, clothing, body language, etc.

Directions: It is time to take a closer look at the main character. Go back into the text to **identify & explain** aspect of the character. Find at least one textual example for each element of characterization (S.T.E.A.L).

Example & pg. #	What insight does the textual example give us into the character?
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