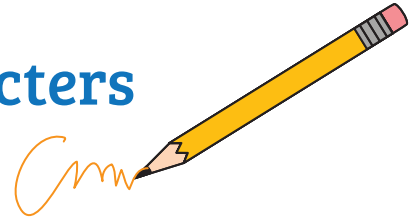


# Thinking About Characters

## Literary Response



### Stop & Jot

#### Notes about Characters

Think about a character's actions, motivations, struggles, and changes.  
Note any themes you notice (loneliness, courage, selfishness, patience).

#### A Meaningful Moment in the Story

Reread that moment.  
Jot down details that stand out: sounds, feelings, behaviors.  
Think about what the characters experience during this part of the story.

#### What to Use

Use a sticky note or separate sheet of paper to **Stop & Jot**.



#### Tip

Strong writers practice close reading strategies.

Pausing while reading to really pay attention to important and interesting details helps people write thoughtful reflections about a text!

### Directions

- ✓ Read your book or short story for 10–20 minutes.
- ✓ As you read, stop & jot important observations about the main character.
- ✓ Complete the Reading Response section. Cite evidence from the text to support each response.

### Reading Response

How would you describe the main character? *Think about the character's internal/external traits.*

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What does the main character long for (or fear)?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

What does the main character struggle with in this story?

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What types of relationships does the main character have?

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Describe how the main character changes throughout this part of the text.

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Did the main character learn a lesson in this part of the story? If not, what do you predict they will learn?

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How do you feel about the main character?

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