

## Independent Reading--Fiction

### Understanding Characters through Internal and External Stories

Readers learn about characters through characters' relationships with others. Actions, thoughts, descriptions, and dialogue show the internal and external world of the character. Consider the different ways your author gives you insight into who your character is. Jot down page numbers and quotes, if possible.

#### INTERNAL WORLD

##### **-THOUGHTS**

What are some of the thoughts the character has in the book that might give some insight into whether or not s/he can be trusted?

##### **-BACKSTORIES**

What do we learn about the character's past that might give us insight into what kind of person s/he is?

#### EXTERNAL WORLD

##### **-DIALOGUE**

What is said to and about the character that gives us some insight into what kind of person s/he is?

##### **-ACTIONS**

What action does the character take that shows us something about what kind of person s/he is?