



Bell Ringer!

Answer in complete sentences.

What are the two types of characterization? What does STEAL stand for? Give an example of how a character's actions showed you who they were.

Direct Characterization

The writer tells you exactly (directly) what the character is like.

Betsy was a determined three year old, who knew what she wanted and often got her way, if she cried loud enough.



Mr. McCarthy has an obnoxiously loud voice which he uses to intimidate his students.



Did you eat your stupid chips for lunch today?

Indirect Characterization -

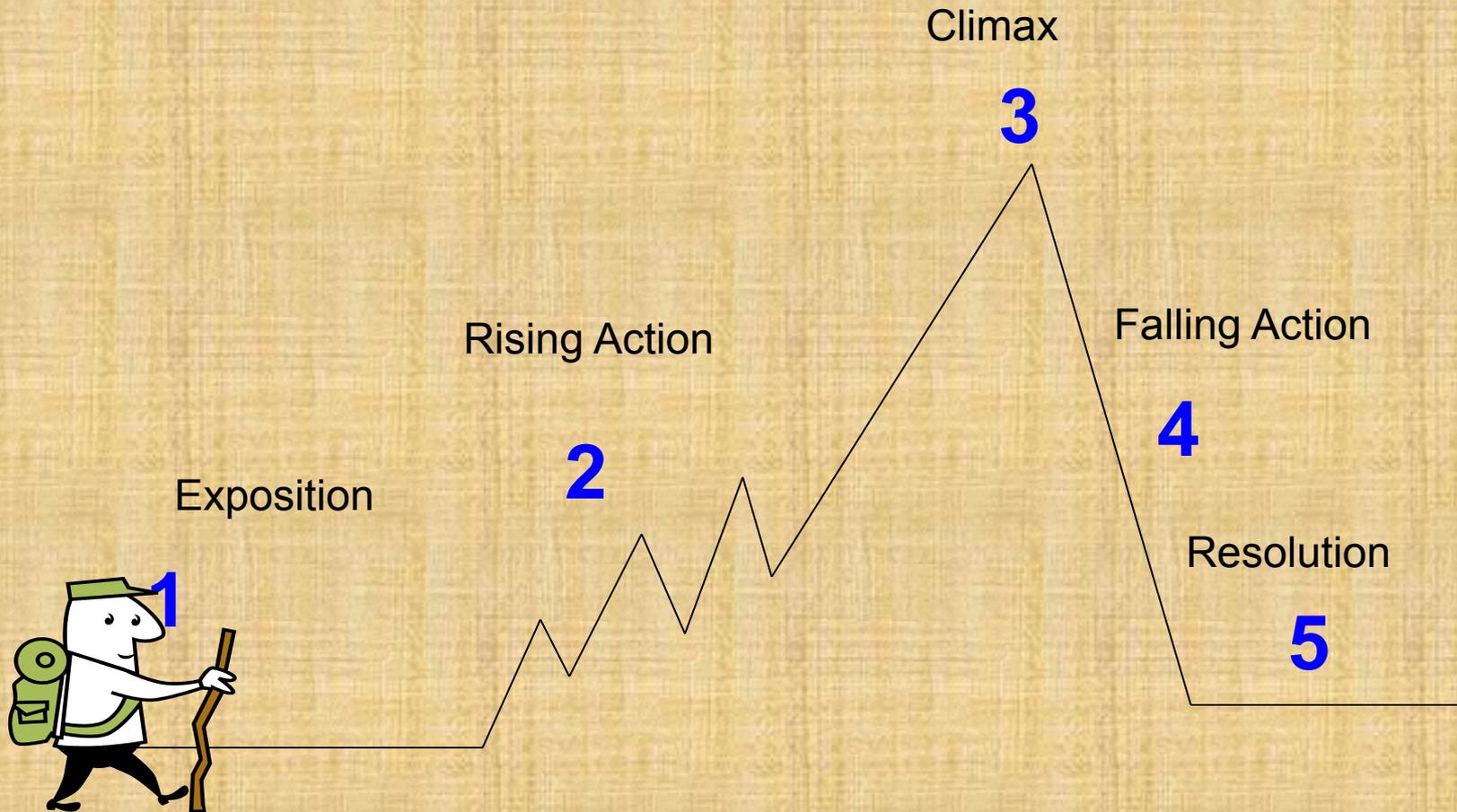
writer shows you what character is like
by revealing:

- **Speech:** What does the character say?
- **Thoughts:** What does the character think?
- **Effect on others:** Other character's comments or reactions. How do people respond to them?
- **Actions:** What does the character do?
- **Looks:** What does the character look like?

The Black Cat



Plot Diagram



Objective

- * I can... cite evidence to prove our inferences about the complex characters within a text.**
- * I am learning to... identify the motivations of the characters and how that drives conflict and plot.**
- * I will connect concepts to... determine how the characters help create the theme of the story.**

Model Question

Underline this in your text. It's in the paragraph that begins, "Slowly the cat..." (para. 8)

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Round Robin

- * Each group gets 5 minutes with each question.
- * You read the question as a group, discuss it and answer on **YOUR OWN PAPER**. I will collect your individual answer sheet at the end. This will be where you complete your exit ticket as well.
- * When I say **TIME'S UP**, you pass to the next group (the one I point you to.)



Group Rules, always the same...

- * **Talk to your group**
- * **About the topic**
- * **In a whisper**



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Final Question



What are possible themes of this story? How does the narrator's characterization relate to these themes?

Exit Ticket





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Read the following quotes from “The Black Cat.” Determine whether they are examples of direct or indirect characterization. If the quote is implementing indirect characterization, specify which type it is using and what it teaches us about the character.

- 1. “From my childhood, I was noted for my gentleness and kindness.”**
- 2. “I slipped a noose around the cat’s neck and hung in to the limb of a tree in the garden.”**
- 3. “And now was I indeed wretched.”**