

Literary Analysis

CHARACTERIZATION

The techniques an author uses to develop characters are known as **characterization**. These techniques include description of the character’s appearance; examples of the character’s speech, thoughts, and actions; responses of other characters to the character; and direct comments from the narrator.

Directions: Choose three pilgrims from “The Prologue.” In the chart, record their titles and what Chaucer tells you about each pilgrim’s physical appearance—eyes, hair, clothing, and so on. Finally, explain what those details tell you about that character’s personality.

Character	Details of Appearance	Conclusions About Personality

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