

# Literary Analysis

## PSYCHOLOGICAL FICTION

An offshoot of realism, **psychological fiction** largely ignores dramatic action to focus on the inner life of its characters. Psychological fiction emphasizes

- characters’ thoughts, feelings, and impressions
- the hidden motivations for characters’ actions
- the presence of internal conflict
- use of stream of consciousness

**Directions:** In the chart, record examples of each element of psychological fiction used in “The Duchess and the Jeweller.” An example has been done for you.

Element	Example
Characters’ thoughts, feelings, and impressions	“But he dismantled himself often and became again a little boy in a dark alley.” (lines 18–19)
Hidden motivations for characters’ actions	
Internal conflict	
Use of stream of consciousness	