Characterization
1. Marina, the beautiful mermaid, wanted some tuna salad.

2. But had a small problem since she was allergic to celery.

3. At Sammy’s Sub Shop, Marina hoped to find tuna salad free of this dangerous vegetable.

4. Flopping across the tiled floor to the counter.

5. Marina placed her order and then checked her sandwich for celery.

6. Not noticing, however, the spoiled mayonnaise.

7. At five o’clock that evening, Marina became violently ill with food poisoning.

8. When a lifeguard at the beach discovered the problem, he called 911.

9. Even though the mermaid had fishy breath.
| Character Name | Basic Characteristics |
Def. a person, an animal, or an imaginary creature in a literary work that often has certain traits or characteristics.

Traits
- Emotions
- Actions - Physical Attributes
- Clothing
- Attitude

Characters

What do we look for?
* What does the character say or think?
* What does the character look like?
* How does he or she walk, stand, etc?
* What do other people think or say about the character?
* What does the character do?
* How does he or she relate to other people?

Examples:
Characterization project

- choose a character to discuss from a novel or from a particular text. 2 quotes each
  - create a visual including the following
  - what the character says (use quotes)
  - how the character interacts with others
  - how the character feels
  - how the character acts
- Give me a brief synopsis of the character and how the novel ties into the character's behavior (background information. Full page double spaced.

Key Vocabulary

setting           provide
plot              evidence
exposition        impact
rising action     
climax
falling action    
resolution
character
major character
minor character
dynamic character
static character
protagonist
antagonist