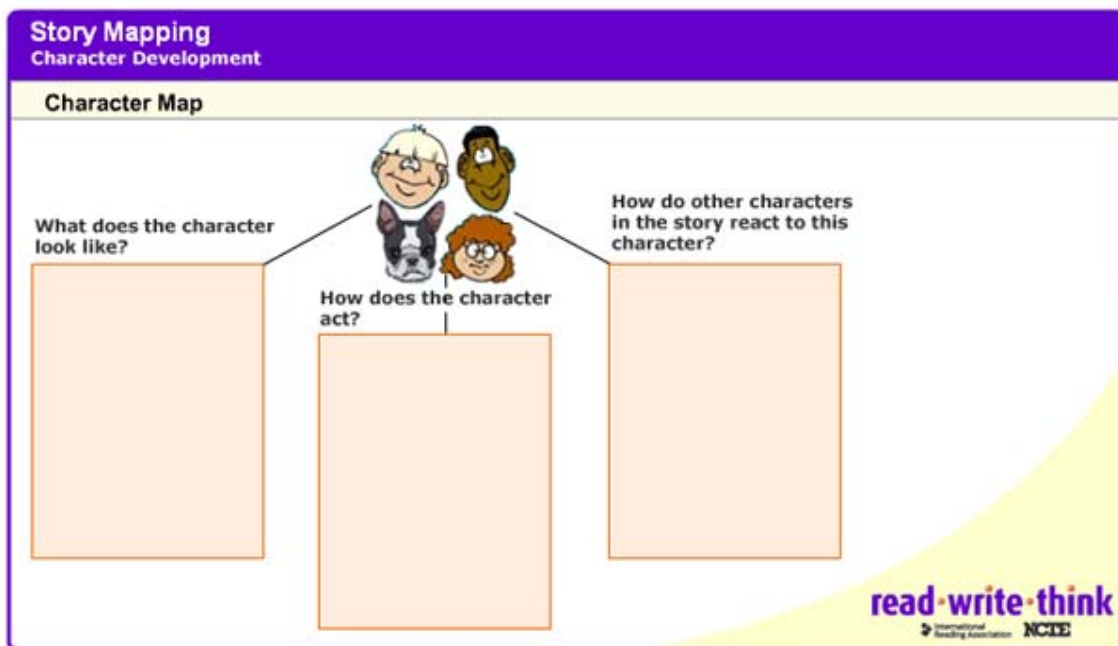


Three Elements of Characterization

- **Physical appearance**
What does the character look like?
- **Actions, speech, and behavior**
What does the character do? How does the character behave? What does the character say?
- **Interactions with others**
How other characters in the story react to this character



Other vocabulary terms useful in developing characters:

Protagonist- The main character in a story. The protagonist experiences the conflict in the story. The protagonist does not have to be "good."

Antagonist- The cause of the conflict. The antagonist doesn't have to be a person.

Dialogue-The words a character uses in conversation and how they are used gives the reader insight into the character.

Stereotype- A character that is oversimplified. Lacks originality or individuality.