## Analyzing Plot, Character, Action, Motive, Effect

CCSSRL3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events. (Common Core 3<sup>rd</sup> grade literature standard 3)

CCSSRL3.1. Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

## Outcome: I can infer character traits and relate them to actions.

Formative Assessment: Students will independently analyze the characters in a story, charting character, action, motive, and effect (of action).

Summative Students will write a letter from one of the characters in a story, explaining motive for an action and what it led to (effect).

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Preview	Model and	GUIDE and go	ASSESS	Fix
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T: Read part of story aloud. Think out loud: how do the actions art part of plot.  We Do: Start a story "timeline"— major events in the story.  You Do: Draw 1 character, give picture to another student.  S: Infer who is pictured and tell a trait the picture shows.  Assessment: Write directions— how to figure out a character's traits.	T: Make chart: character and actions—based on story.  We do: Continue the story timeline with input from students.  You Do: Read more of story, choose character, chart actions.  Chara Action cter  Assessment: Write a sentence that explains your chart.	T: Explain that motive is a reason for an action.  We do: Complete story timeline. Identify effects of the action.  S: You Do make chart for a character's action and motive.  Action motive Effects  Assessment: Write about the action—why is it important, what did it lead to (effect).	S: Read new part of passage or another passage. S: You do Make chart: Person Action Motive Effect. T: Check and clarify, extend	T: Students needing support :analyze an actual event; use graphic organizer to show what person did, infer motive, infer what traits that showed. Then revisit the story and complete chart for a different character in that story.  Advanced: Write a letter from one of the characters in the story completed on Thursday. Tell your motive for an action you took.  Whole class: What did we learn this week about reading?  (Should include responses they share about plot, character, action, motive, effect of action)