

#### **Objectives**

- Review text types
- Learn common terms and questions associated with characters
- Explore instructional strategies
- Strategies to support English Learners

#### Literary Text (NAEP, 2009)

- **Fiction**
- Realistic Fiction
- Historical Fiction
- Fantasy/ Science Fiction
- Traditional Literature (Myth, Legend, Fable, Folktale, Tall Tale )

#### Literary Nonfiction

- Biography
- Autobiography

Poetry

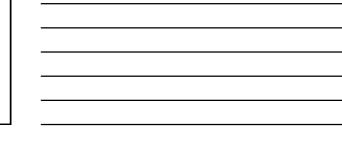
## Why are Characters Important?

- Students follow the character throughout the story
- Sometimes, students do not know what to attend to • It is important to guide them to follow the character

#### **Character Terms**

- Get to know the Character:
  - Main Character
  - Character Traits (personality kind, funny, brave, shy)
  - Character's Emotions
  - Character's Motives
  - Relationships between characters
  - Types of conflict

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#### **Strategies: Characters**

• Activity handouts and instructions available in RESOURCE LIBRARY

• 1. Determining the Character's Trait (modeled in video)

• 2. Types of Conflict – for older students –grades 4 and up (*modeled in video*)

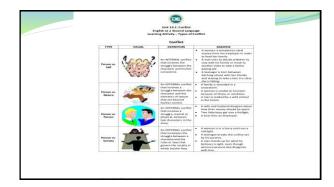
### **Character Traits**

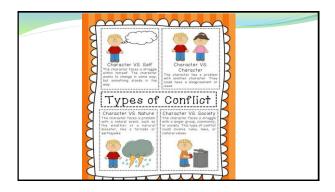
STORY: The Drum (see activity guide)

Video of practice

# **Stop Here and Practice**

Select a story from A-Z Readers Determine the character's personality traits Support your answer with evidence from the story Complete the template in Strategy 1







# **Types of Conflict**

STORY: Leaving Home (see activity guide)

Video of practice

### **Stop Here and Practice**

Select a story from A-Z Readers Determine the Type/s of Conflict the character in the story experiences Support your answer with evidence from the story

#### **Supporting English Learners**

• Supply a word bank or selection of 3-4 words

- Select an easier story/text
- Return to the section of the story/text and reread
- Use examples from the student's life to teach the traits or emotion: Funny, brave, etc.

