**Creating a Character: Chart**

Writers create good characters in two ways:

1. Through indirect characterization (show, not tell)
   1. By his or her own speech
   2. The writer describes how the character looks and dresses
   3. The reader can know the character’s private thoughts and ideas
   4. Other characters say what they think about the character
   5. The writer shows what the character does/how he or she thinks, says, or acts
2. Through direct characterization
   1. The writer directly states what kind of person the character is: sneaky, honest, evil, innocent, and so on.

**Character Chart Assignment**

How are you going to create your character and show who he or she is?

Fill in the chart below.

My character:

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| Things he/she says |  |
| Things he/she does |  |
| How does he/she behave? |  |
| How does he/she treat others? |  |
| How does he/she dress? |  |
| What is her/his appearance like? Give a detailed physical description! |  |
| What do others think or say about him/her? |  |
| What will you as the writer directly say about the character? Is he/she good, evil, honest, funny, etc.? |  |