**Ways to Reveal Character**

* **Actions ESTABLISH SETTING!!**
* **Dialogue Show – DON’T - Tell**
* **Physical Description**
* **Habits (Idiosyncrasies)**
* **Thoughts**
* **Background Information**
* **Interactions with Other Characters**

**QUOTATION MARK RULES:**

![C:\Users\shieldjo\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\WTRBT3VT\MC900431644[1].png]()1. USE QUOTATION MARKS TO SHOW THE ACTUAL WORDS OF A CHARACTER:

2. NEW SPEAKER = NEW PARAGRAPH

3. QUOTATION MARKS STOP WHEN THE OUTLOUD WORDS STOP. THEY START AGAIN WHEN THE DIRECT QUOTE STARTS.

4. PUNCTUATION GOES INSIDE THE QUOTATION MARKS IN DIALOGUE.

5. NO QUOTATION MARKS WHEN IT IS NOT AN ACTUAL QUOTE: (WHEN SOMEONE IS NOT ACTUALLY SAYING THOSE SPECIFIC WORDS OUTLOUD).

![C:\Users\shieldjo\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZJ23CH80\MC900333178[1].wmf]()Getting the Reader Hooked (Introduction):

* ![C:\Users\shieldjo\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZJ23CH80\MC900333178[1].wmf]()Begin in the middle of a conversation
* Begin with a description
* Begin with background information
* Begin with a peek into a character’s mind
* Start with a figure of speech
* Start with a startling statement
* Begin with a quotation from a song/movie, famous person…etc.

Use GREAT Words:

Ominous, plethora, formidable, briskly, gingerly, agony, livid, abruptly, decrepit, mischievous, immediately, stuttered, plunged, sauntered, moaned, eagerly, hesitantly, glisten, cackle…there are just so many, use them!!

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Start with: A noun (John or He), an -ly word (Suddenly, slowly), an action (Running…), a preposition (Afterwards, later)