**Character Reference HANDOUT**

The author uses a process called ***characterization*** to create memorable details about personalities in the novel.  
This can be done as follows:

* what the author states directly about the character
* what the character says and does
* what others say or think about the character
* how authors act toward the character

Since the story in *The Crysalids* is told by David - not the author or an all-knowing narrator - you must rely on the on the last three methods to gain information about characters.

**Directions**

Each of the following charts lists some traits possessed by a character in the book. Find several specific pieces of evidence for each trait (from anywhere in the book) to prove the character does have that characteristic.

Then decide which characterization method (or methods) in each piece of evidence is used to reveal that trait:

a. What the character says or thinks

b. What the character does

c. What others say or think about the character

d. How others act toward the character

On the back of this page you will find an example of a chart for David. Make a similar chart for each of the following characters in the book:

Joseph Strorm - Emily Strorm - Aunt Harriet - Uncle Axel - Spider Man - Rosalind Morton - Anne - Sophie Wender - The Inspector

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| **David** |  |  |
| **Trait** | **Evidence** | **How is trait revealed** |
| curious | questions the validity of *The Definition of Man.* | (*give specific example from the book, how you know this*) |
| persistent |  |  |
| sensitive |  |  |
| brave |  |  |

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| **2. Joseph Strorm** a. narrow-minded b. authoritarian c. hardworking | **3. Emily Strorm** a. narrow-minded b. compasionate c. pathetic | **4. Aunt Harriet** a. compasionate b. understading c. pathetic |
| **5. Uncle Axel** a. open-minded b. compasionate c. honest | **6. Spider Man** a. proud b. narrow-minded c. pathetic | **7. Rosalind** a. proud b. loving c. sensible |
| **8. Sophie Wender** a. proud b. loving c. pathetic | **9. The Inspector** a. understanding b. shrewd c. obedient | **10. The Inspector** a. understanding b. shrewd c. obedient |