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1. Review how the author reveals the character's traits (do not go into too much detail, but summarize). In your Assessment writing, your introduction will need a hook.
2. State how the first character trait (precise adjective) shows up in the text.
3. Use text evidence as an example of the trait happening. (Remember to use a phrase to introduce your evidence!)
4. Analyze and explain how this action reveals the character trait.
5. When you are ready to discuss the next character trait, start a new paragraph and return to step number 2.