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The way a writer or speaker describes someone can help you understand the underlying message. With a partner or group, choose a character or person in the selection.

1. Write down at least five different words and phrases in the chart below that describe or tell about this character or person.
2. Think about each word or phrase. Decide if it shows something good (+), bad (–), or neutral (=) about the character. Circle the symbol you choose.

Descriptive Word or Phrase	+	–	=
	+	–	=
	+	–	=
	+	–	=
	+	–	=
	+	–	=
	+	–	=

3. Look at the words and your ratings. How do you think the writer wants you to feel about this character or person? Give evidence for your answer.

4. What message do you think the writer wants you to get? Explain your reasoning.
