

Media Literacy: Characterization in Movies

VIEWING GUIDE

Creative filmmakers can develop characters by using a variety of visual techniques such as those listed in the first column of the following chart.

Directions: As you view the clip, select one of the characters in the scene. Pay attention to the different film and performance techniques that enhance the believability of that character. Record how the techniques listed in the first column influenced your opinion of the character. Support your ideas with evidence from the clip.

Character:	What do these techniques reveal about the character?
Film Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framing (focuses on specific characters within the scene) Close-ups (which reveal the actor’s facial expressions) Camera movements (pan or tracking shots, which follow specific characters’ movements) 	
Performance Techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body language Facial expressions Vocal delivery 	