

Media Literacy: Characterization in Movies

CLOSE VIEWING

To portray a character believably, actors rely on their body language, facial expressions, and vocal delivery. They use these techniques to reveal characters’ basic traits and to communicate unspoken thoughts or feelings.

Directions: View the clip. Describe how the actors who play Professor Crawford, Coleridge, and Jamal Wallace use the different performance techniques listed in the first column of the chart. Then answer the question that follows.

Performance Technique	Professor Crawford	Coleridge	Jamal Wallace
<i>Body language</i>			
<i>Facial expressions</i>			
<i>Vocal delivery</i>			

Which of the actors do you think delivers the most convincing performance? Use evidence from the clip to support your opinion.
