Direct vs. Indirect Characterization

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- Example:
  - “The patient boy and quiet girl were both well mannered and did not disobey their mother.”
  - Explanation: The author is directly telling the audience the personality of these two children. The boy is “patient” and the girl is “quiet.”
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- LOOKS - What does the character look like? How does the character dress?
Freewrite

- Provide both a direct and indirect characterization of yourself based on the story of your life. Each should be 3-4 sentences. Write one sentence explaining why your responses are direct or indirect.
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B. “That Ed Johnson,” said Anderson, watching the old mechanic scratch his head in confusion as the sales rep explained Dralco’s newest engine performance diagnostic computer. “He hasn’t got a clue about modern electronics. Give him a good set of tools and a stack of yellowing manuals with a carburetor needing repair, and he’d be happy as a hungry frog in a fly-field.”
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- Julie owned a multitude of outfits and accessories, and it always took her forever to decide which combination might impress Trent. As usual, she called her sister several times for advice. After doing so, Julie decided to give the navy blue skirt with the white sweater a try.
Indirect or Direct Characterization?

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- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWBWnJMHEs8&safe=active
What about this scene?