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**Growing Big Ideas from Details about Characters**

***Teaching Point: To get big ideas about texts, and eventually grow those ideas into a literary essay, it pays to notice important details the author has included about the character, and then to reflect on the author's purpose for including a detail, and to jot down those thoughts.***

**Following the steps we took on Friday, use the story you are given to grow big ideas about characters using details from the story. Use these steps:**

1. Read the story.
2. Reread the story to notice important details the author has included about the character.
3. HIGHLIGHT those details.

**Prompts that help an Essayist Think and Write ...**

* Maybe the author included this because ...
* On the other hand, perhaps ...
* Or it could be that ...
* I wonder if ...

1. Use those highlighted details to write a paragraph that shows big ideas about the character.
2. Use the sentence starters in the box throughout your paragraph.
3. Write your paragraph in the space below. Continue on the back if necessary.

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