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As students read, a storyboard can serves as a helpful <u>character reference log</u>. This log (also called a character map) allows students to recall relevant information about important characters. When reading a novel, small attributes and details frequently become important as the plot progresses. With <u>character mapping</u>, students will record this information, helping them follow along and catch the subtleties which make reading more enjoyable!

For this character map, try using "OSCAR" so students can analyze multiple aspects of a character through direct and indirect characterization.

Bean Trees Character: Taylor, Turtle, Lou Ann, Mattie

Direct and Indirect Characterization Example for Piggy		
	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
C	Other Character's Comments  What do other characters say about the character?	"You're talking too much. Shut up Fatty." - Jack "Sucks to your assmar!" - Ralph
S	Speech What does the character say about others or themselves? How can we infer meaning and traits from what a character says?	"on account of my asthma"

(	Physical Characteristics What does the character look like? What descriptive words are used to describe them?	Heavy, wears glasses, is very intelligent and innovative.
4	Author's Attitude  How does the author feel about this character?	In the beginning of the novel, the author refers to him as the 'fat boy' with 'spectacles' - showing an attitude of partial respect and also pointing out some drawbacks.
F	Reader's Reaction  How do you, as the reader, feel about the character?	The way he is treated in the book is upsetting. He only wants what is best for everyone, even if he is annoying about it.



