

## Text Difficulty Band X/Y/Z

### Talk and Thought Prompts Readers Can Use to Understand Characters in X/Y/Z Texts

Often characters in these kinds of stories are revealed slowly. The reader sees more and more, including conflicting sides of characters. You might, therefore, think about:

- This character often seems \_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_. At other times, though, he or she seems \_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

Characters also reveal social issues and themes that have implications beyond the character's experience. You might think about:

- This character \_\_\_\_\_ suffers or reveals \_\_\_\_\_. For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

Characters' motivations in these kinds of stories will be complex and related to events earlier in the narrative. You might think about:

- Why is the character acting this way? What forces or pressures are being exerted on this character? What flaws or strengths does he or she show?