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“The Devil and Tom Walker” Characterization

**Directions**: Students will examine the short story for examples of third person characterization, direct characterization, and indirect characterization as it pertains to the characters of Tom Walker, Mrs. Walker, and the Devil. Students will then write exact quotes underneath each character which exemplifies an example of the technique. Students will also indicate what characteristics the quote reveals about the character.

TECHNIQUE

TOM WALKER

MRS. WALKER

DEVIL

INDIRECT

CHARACTERIZATION

“He flatly refused out of mere spirit of contradiction”

* Reveals Tom is stubborn

DIRECT CHARACTERIZATION

THIRD PERSON CHARACTERIZATION