

## Character's Thoughts (Third Quarter) Practice Activities

### **Luis Garcia: End Zone Hero**

Luis wiped his sweaty hands on his pants and took his place behind the line. The hands of the center, an always-steady senior, were shaking. "Even Bobby Monroe knows what a risk Coach is taking putting me in," Luis thought.

He took a deep breath and made eye contact with Chris. He nodded as if to say, "Let's do it." Then he glanced up at the stands, where his parents, grandfather, and little brother sat. "I can't let them down," he thought.

**First, please read the story.**

**Second, list any public and/or private character traits of Luis Garcia.**

- Public Traits
- Private Traits

**Last, locate in the story where the author uses other thoughts about the character & the character in action to reveal Luis' s character traits.**

Compare your answers with **Turner's T-Chart and Think Aloud**

### **Before You Read:**

Remember one way an author reveals a character is by describing public and private traits.

**Public traits** include: appearance, biographical background, and accomplishments.

**Private traits** include: emotions, inner strengths, and fears.

After you read, think about the question, "What do I know about Luis Garcia?" Finally, consider how the author **used other' s thoughts about the character & the character in action** during the story to provide you with this information.

### **Tornado Tracker**

Eric stuffed his video camera and gear into his packed SUV. Storm research never gets old, he thought. As he drove, the weather radio beeped with tornado watches. He remembered his childhood spent on his grandparents' farm. He had seen a tornado's power up close. Without warning, the tornado had hit, toppling buildings and trees. He and his grandparents huddled in the basement. Eric knew then he wanted to study storms someday. Perhaps what he discovered could save lives?

Eric stopped the SUV. He noted the weather conditions on his laptop. He scanned the changing sky. Just then, he spotted rotation in a wall of grey clouds. He picked up his cell phone to call the storm center. "I'll be tracking this one," he said.

**First, please read the story.**

**Second, list 3 public and 3 private character traits of Price Victor.**

- Public Traits
- Private Traits

**Last, locate in the story where the author uses the main character's personal thoughts to reveal Eric's character traits.**

Compare your answers with **Karl's T-Chart and Think Aloud**