

## Other's thoughts About the Character & the Character in Action (Fourth Quarter) Practice Activities

### Luis Garcia: End Zone Hero

Bobby Monroe positioned himself over the ball and stared down the Panther's hulking nose guard. The senior center was nervous because he knew the stakes were high, but he didn't doubt his coach, nor did he doubt Garcia's ability to be a winner.

"For a sophomore, Garcia's tough as nails in practice, and he hits it hard in the off season, too. He's as fast as any running back I've ever played with," Bobby thought. He knew the only reason Luis hadn't played during the regular season was because Joey Hon was a three-time All-Stater, and had a lock on the position. Until now.

The time-out was over. The fans were on their feet as Bobby snapped the ball to Luis. Luis, always the scrawniest kid on his youth football teams, had been told by countless coaches to pick a different sport. That was before they knew that the kid had an arm that, with practice, could win a game. Luis ran back five yards towards the Panther sideline. Then back another ten. He trusted his offensive line would hold.

Finally, Luis zeroed in on Chris emerging from behind two Panther linebackers. He brought his left-arm back and fired the ball as the crowd held its breath. Chris dove into the end zone just before the last second ticked from the clock.

As the horn sounded to end the game, Luis Garcia found himself hoisted up on the shoulders of his teammates. "You did it!" Bobby shouted.

"We did it!" replied Luis.

### 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.

### A Feast Fit for a Prince

Prince Victor chopped turnips and potatoes. He tossed them into a bubbling stew. His fruit tarts and puddings lined the table. A golden turkey roasted on the spit. Prince Victor mopped his brow and whistled cheerfully.

The kitchen servants huddled and whispered in the corner.

"He's been at it all night," said the castle cook.

"He says he likes working in the kitchen better than preparing to be king," gasped the baker.

"But what about his sword training this afternoon?" said the castle cook. "What about his horsemanship training tomorrow?"

Just then, Prince Victor looked up and grinned. "Flour covered his royal clothing. Bread dough covered his hands."

"What about our feast right now?" said Prince Victor. "Come, let us dine together!"

### 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 others thoughts about the character & the character in action to reveal Price Victor's character traits.

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