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from *The Epic of Gilgamesh*

## Literary Analysis: Characterization

**Characterization** is the means by which story characters are created and developed. A writer may reveal a character's personality through **direct** or **indirect characterization**. Using **direct characterization**, a writer makes direct statements about a character's personality, such as *He was kind*. Using **indirect characterization**, a writer implies a character's personality by telling what that character says, does, and thinks, as well as what other characters think of the character.

**A. DIRECTIONS:** Complete the following chart with examples of Gilgamesh's bravery. Cite quotations from the story as evidence.

Gilgamesh's Bravery	
Direct Characterization	Indirect Characterization

**B. DIRECTIONS:** Invent a brief new adventure for Gilgamesh, or expand on an old one. The new adventure should highlight Gilgamesh's bravery. Include examples of indirect and direct characterization. Write your episode in the style of *The Epic of Gilgamesh*.

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