

Handout

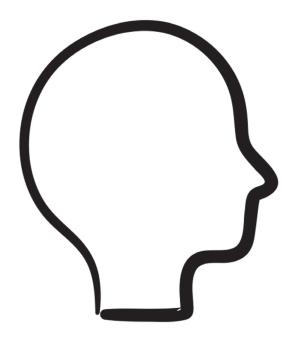
It's All About Perception

Directions: In real life, conflicts can arise when we see ourselves differently from how others view us. For this discussion, you will focus on this idea of perception. Choose one character and jot notes on this handout to capture your thinking as you discuss the character questions and connection questions.

Character's Name:

Character Questions

- 1. What do you think your character feels, believes, knows, or experiences in their life? Write words, phrases, quotes, and images **inside the head**.
- 2. How do other characters talk about, interact with, feel about, and treat this character? Record notes **outside of the head**.



Connection Questions

Choose from the following questions to make connections between the text and your own experiences.

1. What similarities and differences do you notice about the ideas inside the character's head versus outside? What factors might account for any differences?

2. What conflicts can arise when our perception of ourselves is different from how others— family, friends, teachers, coaches, mentors, strangers—may perceive us?

3. Have you ever felt like the way you perceive yourself feels different from how others perceive you? How does this make you feel? How can you use this understanding to help others who might feel this way?