***Literary Terms to focus on while reading "Broken Chain" by Gary   
Soto.***

**Direct Characterization**

-when the author tells the reader if a character is amusing, dull, or brave

**Indirect Characterization**

-when the author reveals personality traits of a character in one or more of the following   
ways:

1. through the words of the characters

2. through a description of the character's looks, clothing, thoughts and feelings

3. through comments made about the particular character by other characters within the   
story

4. through the character's behaviors

**Subplot**

-a minor plot that relates to the main plot of the story

**Conflict**

-a problem that the character is faced with either internally or externally

**Parallel Episode**

-a scene that mirrors a previous scene within the plot of the story

**Motivation**

-a character's reason for doing something