

Zebra (page 46)**Literary Analysis SkillBuilder****Character**

People, animals, and imaginary creatures that participate in the action of a story are called **characters**. Short stories usually focus on one or two main characters. Authors want their characters to act in such a way that readers can understand their traits and motives. **Traits** are a consistent part of the character's personality. **Motives** are the emotions, wants, or needs that cause a character to act or react. Use the graphic organizer below to describe one of the main characters from the story.

