



Practice

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read the passage below and look for character motivations to complete the character motivation chart. You also need to say if you think the character is motivated by something external or internal. Use these steps to help you find the character motivations:

- Read the story carefully.
- Notice what characters do and say.
- Notice if they seem happy, sad, angry, jealous, afraid, etc.
- Look in the text for reasons and feelings that determine how the character acts.

Josh clutched his stomach. He shuddered as he swallowed, tasting a combination of fake sugary stuff and chocolate. He threw one half-empty Trick or Treat bag into the corner. He let out a little moan and looked at his parents for sympathy.

They shook their heads at him, trying not to smile. "Sorry you feel so awful, Slugger," his dad said, but didn't leave the couch. He didn't get up and offer to fuss over him.

Josh moaned louder and dramatically doubled over.

"Such a shame. Next time maybe you'll listen when we tell you to take it easy," his mom casually flipped a page in her book, still ignoring him.

Josh stormed upstairs, angry that his parents weren't fussing over him, and even angrier at his stomach for rejecting all the awesome candy he had put inside it. As he entered his room, he kicked the black ninja outfit and the now empty plastic pumpkin filled with candy wrappers.

He flopped down on his bed, knowing there was really only one person to blame for his stomachache. If he wasn't so sick, he would be really furious at himself.

Character's Action	Character's Motivation/ <i>External or Internal?</i>
Josh clutches his stomach and moans.	
Josh's parents ignored his moaning and groaning.	
Josh storms upstairs.	
Josh kicks his costume and empty candy basket.	

