

Character Sketch Guide

Where does your character live?

If not in the present, at what time in history does your character live?

How old is your character?

What are the five most important things that have happened to your character in his or her life so far?

Think of three adjectives that describe your character's personality/frame of mind.

What challenges has your character struggled with in life? Has he or she overcome them, or is he or she still working them out?

What does your character look like?

What is your character's social-economic status (rich, poor, middle class, educated, not educated, etc.)?

What is your character's racial/ethnic identity?

Does your character's racial/ethnic identity affect his or her dreams and goals?

In what way will your character work toward the American dream?

What obstacles will he or she face on the journey?

In what one way does your character most want to change his or her life?