

Brainstorm Activity

Use 826LA's "I Am" poem template.
Fill out as your villain character to
get in their mindset and background
as a character to practice perspective.

"I Am" character brainstorm template

Example student poem from
826LA's "I Am" template.



Answer the following questions about your villain. Then, use your answers to fill in the blanks of the origin story for your original character.

Origin

What is your character's name?

Describe your character. What is it?

Where does your character live?

Personality

What was your character like as a baby before they became a villain?

What makes your character ANGRY?

What makes your character HAPPY?

Goals

What does your character want more than anything in the world?

Why does your character want this?

How does this goal make your character known as a villain?

Bring your villain characters to life by crafting an I AM Poem from their point of view:

I am _____ and _____
(PLACE OF BIRTH) (SPECIES, FAMILY, IDENTITY)

From _____

(DESCRIPTION OF CHARACTER'S NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY)

I am the _____
(A SPECIFIC PLACE OR ITEM FROM THE CHARACTER'S UPBRINGING)

I am _____
(A VIVID DETAIL ABOUT THE CHARACTER'S HOME - A SMELL, TASTE, FEELING, SOUND OR SIGHT)

I am _____ and _____
(IMPORTANT ITEMS FROM THE CHARACTER'S CHILDHOOD)

From _____
(FAMILY TRADITION OR TRAIT)

I am " _____ "
(SOMETHING YOUR CHARACTER WAS TOLD AS A CHILD)

From " _____ "
(A SONG OR SAYING YOUR CHARACTER LEARNED AS A CHILD)

I am _____ and _____
(FAVORITE FOOD) (FAMILY FOOD)

I am _____ and _____
(DESCRIPTIONS OF FAMILY MEMENTOS, PICTURES OR TREASURES)

I am _____

(END BY FINISHING THIS THOUGHT REFLECTING BACK ON WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY WRITTEN OR BY REPEATING
YOUR FAVORITE LINE FROM EARLIER IN THE POEM)

Character Sketch

Consider how you will use your character's design to express her or his emotions, personality and story!

Consider:

Body Shape
Facial features
Clothing
Hair
Posture
Color scheme

Tips to keep in mind:

Exaggerate
Organic vs. Geometric shapes
Origin Story

