

Brainstorm Activity

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



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Answer the following questions about your villain to develop their character background. You will use your answers to write an interesting origin story for your villain. Remember, you get to create an original character so you get to come up with the answers!

Origin

What was life like for your character when they were young? What is their favorite memory?

What is your character's best quality, even though they are considered a villain?

What was an event that happened that made your character change into a villain?

What was different about how they saw the world after this?

Personality

What is your character's greatest fear? How did they develop this fear?

What makes them ANGRY? What makes them HAPPY?

If your character had to describe their philosophy of life in one idea, what would it be?

Motivation

What does your character want in this story?

What need or feeling will this satisfy for your character if they get this?

In your villain's mind, what makes them the hero? Who is the villain in their story and why?



Brainstorm Activity: Villian

Villian List:

List 10 things that come to mind when you think about the villain character you want to create.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Character Design:

Choose 2 of the items from above and list 5 ways you could communicate each of them. You may choose to communicate through images, symbols, elements of art, etc.

Idea 1:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Idea 2:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Final Concept:

Write out how you will design your villain character to communicate his or her personality and story to your audience.

Consider the effectiveness of your design and revise if necessary.

Thumbnail Sketch:

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

- Body Shape (Silhouette)
- Facial features
- Clothing
- Hair
- Posture
- Color scheme

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

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Consider:

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Hair
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Tips to keep in mind:

Exaggerate
Organic vs. Geometric shapes
Origin Story

