



English I: Writing: Module 2: Lesson 2: Section 4

Writing an Engaging Short Story with Interesting and Believable Characters

Building Your Main Character/Protagonist

Instructions: Consider approaching this task as you would an interview. Imagine sitting across from your protagonist asking questions. Sometimes the response to one question will lead to a new question not included on the list below. Complete as many of these blanks as you think are relevant for your character, keeping in mind that your eventual assignment is to create a vibrant and believable character. Since answers will vary, no sample response is included.

CHARACTER PROFILE:

1. Character's name:
2. Character's nickname:
3. Gender:
4. Age:
5. Physical description:
6. Education:
7. Vocation/occupation:
8. Economic status:
9. Marital status:
10. Family members, Ethnicity:
11. Diction, accent:
12. Relationships:
13. Places (home, office, car, etc.):
14. Favorite possessions:
15. Recreations, hobbies:
16. Beliefs/Convictions:
17. Ambition:
18. Religion:
19. Superstitions:
20. Fears:
21. Attitudes:
22. Character flaws:
23. Character strengths:
24. Pets:
25. Favorite book, music, etc.:
26. Journal entries are about:
27. Correspondence:
28. Food preferences:
29. Handwriting sample:
30. Talents:
31. Other: