Rationale:

This resource includes writing work printables for writers to practice developing characters. It includes practice with:

1. Build-a-Character
2. 20 Character Questions
3. Create 20 Character Questions
4. Exploring Character Traits
5. Make-Believe Characters One
6. Make-Believe Characters Two
7. Describing Characters One
8. Describing Characters Two
9. Describing Characters Three
10. Describing Characters Four
11. Interview-a-Character (with Questions)
12. Interview-a-Character (Blank)
13. Someone I Know:
14. Character Quotes One
15. Character Quotes Two
16. Character Quotes Three
17. Character Quotes Four
18. Character Quotes Blank

These pages are great for big kids to practice many different strategies writes use to develop characters.

The printable pages in this resource can be used in several ways, including:

- As daily morning work to review writing work skills
- During guided writing small groups
- During independent writing time or centers
- To work with partners and small groups
- As an assessment for teachers to monitor students' writing abilities
- As homework review sheets
- As a quick and fun 10 minute time filler.
- As 'when you're finished' additional work for students
- To use with substitute teachers

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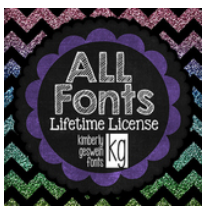

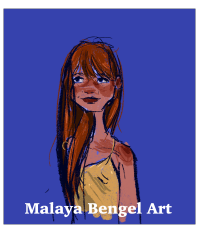

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"20 Character Questions"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Create your own set of 20 yes or no questions to help describe a character. Exchange papers with a partner and answer those questions. Then, use lots of details to write a description of the character on the back of this page.

1	yes	no
2	yes	no
3	yes	no
4	yes	no
5	yes	no
6	yes	no
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Challenge:

Get back together with your partner. Read the description of your c
See if your partner can guess the right answers after listening to yo

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"Exploring Character Traits"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Make a list of 10 character traits that would make an interesting lead character in a story. Study your list and then brainstorm some problems this character may face in a story based on his/her character traits.

Character Traits

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- _____
- _____
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ner name your character based on the traits and problems that may

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"Make Believe Characters One"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Sometimes characters are based on fantasy. Draw 4 pictures of characters that join the physical and character traits of two different animals in each of the boxes below.

Animal Name: _____

I joined a _____ **and a** _____

Animal Name: _____

I joined a _____ **and a** _____



Animal Name: _____

I joined a _____ **and a** _____



Animal Name: _____

I joined a _____ **and a** _____

Challenge:

Challenge: Choose one or more of the characters to write a short fantasy adventure on the back of this page

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"Interview-a-Character"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

One way writers help develop strong characters is by asking questions and pretending they are the character answering. Answer the following questions as if you are the character. Use as much detail as possible in your answers.

1 How old are you?	
2 Where do you live?	
3 Who is in your family?	
4 What do you love to do?	
5 What do you hate to do?	
6 What really bothers you?	
7 What do you think about school?	
8 Do you have any regrets? What?	
9 What are your top 3 wishes?	
10 If you could go anywhere, where would you go?	
11 What's the craziest thing you have ever done?	
12 Name 2 of your goals this year?	
13 Which famous person are you most like? How?	
14 What's the biggest problem you have faced?	
15 How do you feel about your life? Why?	
16 What is your dream job? Why?	
17 Do you consider yourself selfish? Why?	
18 What's your favorite memory?	
19 What are your top 3 best qualities?	
20 What are your top 3 worst qualities?	

Challenge:

Share your questions and answers with a partner. Write down sor
answer them on the back of this page.

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"Someone I Know"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Think of someone you know that has an interesting personality. Describe that person below. Then, develop a character based on the person you know. Illustrate the character and add even more interesting details!

Name: _____

Description:

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"Character Quotes One"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Writers think about things characters might say in a story. Make up some quotes a character with each personality trait might say in a story.

Impatient:

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Confused:

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Smart:

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Funny:

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Challenge:

Circle three of your favorite quotes from above. On the back of this page, write a short story using all three quotes. Be ready to share!

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES



GOOGLE™ LINKS FOR STUDENTS

Click each link to assign work to students each day!

Build-a-Character	20 Character Questions
Exploring Character Traits	Make-Believe Characters
Describing Characters	Interview-a-Character
Someone I Know	Character Quotes

DIGITAL INCLUDED!

"Build-a-Character"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Start building a character by circling one of the answers for each of the questions below or filling in your own ideas.

1. **The character is a...** boy girl animal something else: _____
2. **The character lives...** with parents alone somewhere else: _____
3. **The character's best personality trait is:** funny smart on time patient happy
4. **The character's worst personality trait is:** rude late angry crabby
5. **The character is a...** child pr... te... ...lt ...izen Other: _____
6. **...character is...** ch... poor ...er: _____
7. **The cha...er li...** ...op ...nt play ...rts skateboard _____
8. **The ...er ...s...** many friends only a few friends other: _____
9. **The character would rather...** stay up late get up early
10. **The character's favorite place is...** the mall camp school/work home other: _____
11. **The character...** loves animals does not like animals at all! Other: _____
12. **The character is scared of...** everything nothing other: _____
13. **The character is...** easily upset rarely upset other: _____
14. **The character would rather...** sit on the beach ski in the mountains Other: _____
15. **The character's favorite season...** fall winter summer spring other: _____
16. **The character is almost always...** laughing crying yelling other: _____



SAMPLE

Challenge:

Use the back of this page to continue to build your character. Use your thinking from how you answered the above questions to help you add details about your character.

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"20 Character Questions"

Name: _____ Date: _____

What To Do:

Circle yes or no to the following 20 questions. Then, use your answers to begin describing your character. Use the back of this page to write your description with as much detail as possible.

1	Is the character a girl?	yes	no
2	Is the character an animal?	yes	no
3	Does the character live in America?	yes	no
4	Is the character a child?	yes	no
5	Does the character get angry really easily?	yes	no
6	Does the character have a b[illegible]family?	yes	no
7	I[illegible]lot of d[illegible]a in th[illegible]e li[illegible]	yes	no
8	D[illegible]s the charact[illegible]h[illegible]e a lo[illegible]f friend[illegible]	yes	no
9	Does [illegible]arac[illegible]tak[illegible]risks?	yes	no
10	H[illegible]the ch[illegible]act[illegible]ever [illegible]ke[illegible]any bone[illegible]	yes	no
11	Does [illegible]character get along easily with others?	yes	no
12	Is the character older than you?	yes	no
13	Is the character really funny?	yes	no
14	Does the character have a pet?	yes	no
15	Is the character shy?	yes	no
16	Is the character helpful towards others?	yes	no
17	Is the character selfish?	yes	no
18	Is the character obsessed with something?	yes	no
19	Is the character afraid of anything?	yes	no
20	Does the character have many dreams and goals?	yes	no

SAMPLE

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Get together with a partner. Read the description of your character. Then ask each question to your partner. See if your partner can guess the right answers after listening to your description!

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4 What do you love to do?	
5 What do you hate to do?	
6 What really bothers y[illegible]?	
7 W[illegible] do y[illegible]think ab[illegible]hool?	
8 Do [illegible]ave any re[illegible]ts? [illegible]hat?	
9 What are y[illegible] top [illegible]	
10 If [illegible] cou[illegible] an[illegible]here, whe[illegible]wo[illegible] you go?	
11 What's the craziest thing you have ever done?	
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