

CHARACTERIZATION WRITING ACTIVITY

**PRACTICE
IDENTIFYING AND
CREATING:**

**PHYSICAL TRAITS
AND
PERSONALITY
TRAITS**

**PRACTICE THE STORY ELEMENT OF CHARACTER BY
WRITING A MISSING PERSON ADVERTISEMENT**

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Character Traits

Videos

To introduce or review character traits, watch these videos and ask your students to take notes. Pause the video occasionally so they have time to record characteristics and examples of both physical traits and personality traits.

Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7fv29SsitM>

Video 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDHASw_s4QE

Physical/External Characteristics

Personality/Internal Trait Characteristics

Physical/External Examples

Personality/Internal Trait Examples





Character Traits

Physical/External Trait: a trait you can see when you look at someone's appearance. Examples include: eye color, clothing choices, height, freckles, glasses and hair style.

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Directions: In the boxes below, list character traits (both physical and personality) for yourself.

Physical/External Traits

Personality/Internal Traits


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Directions: In the boxes below, list character traits (both physical and personality) for the character you are reading about, or a character you'd like to write into a story.

Physical/External Traits	Personality/Internal Traits





Missing Person!

Using your list of facts about your main character, create a missing person ad describing your character so that if they were lost, this ad could be used to help find them. Remember to include physical traits, personality traits and character preferences. Locations and talents might also be helpful in finding your character.

Draw a picture of your character here

Character Name: _____ Book Title: _____



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A blonde teacher named Mrs. Zieba was last seen wearing a lime green shirt in the TMS library. A Diet Pepsi can and empty pop tart wrapper were found next to a book with a dragon on the cover. It is suspected she was running away from our mascot, Tito the Timberwolf. The slapping of her flip-flops interrupted classes as she fled the building. When questioned her husband Matt thought she might be headed to Madison for a college basketball game, but she might have gotten lost along the way! Please help us find this mother of two. They miss her terribly!



Missing Person Rubric

Student Name: _____

Task/Points	1 Attempted, but did not	2 Somewhat Completed	3 Successfully Completed
3 Physical Traits Included			
3 Personality Traits Included			
3 Character prefer- ences/habits/location details included			
Writing sample uses correct capitalization and punctuation			

Book title and character name are included: 0 1 2

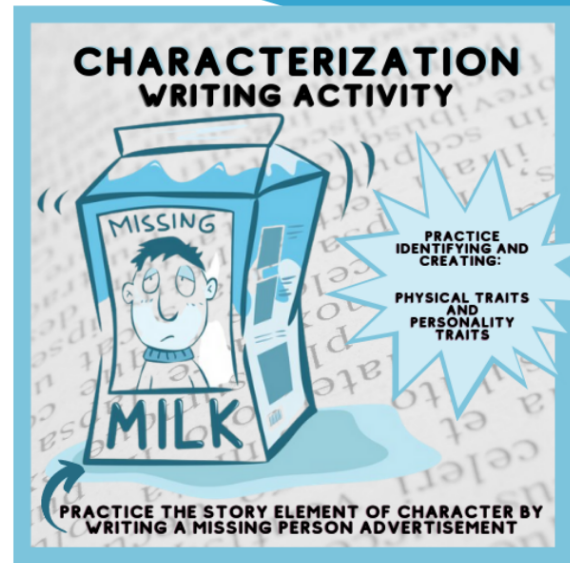
Character Picture is included and done with care/quality: 0 1 2

Planning Worksheet is completed and turn in with final product: 0 1 2

Final Score: ____/18

Teacher Comments:

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