

## Character Sketches: How To's

### What is a character sketch?

In literature, we encounter countless characters. As writer's we need to describe them, analyze them and connect with them.

A character sketch gives the reader a vivid picture and description of a character.

It is a way of putting people on paper.

- Goes beyond physical characteristics
- Capture the essence of the character.

### Template (things to include in a character sketch):

#### Opening: introduce the character

Example: *Being on team \_\_\_\_\_ means being a lot of things.*

Second Section: how you met, or where you know each other from. **Background Information**

Example: In English this year, we were all put on a team. Together we came up with the name.....[BACKGROUND INFORMATION]

#### Third Section: Examples – concrete – (characteristics and qualities)

- Quality + Example.
- **PROVE YOUR QUALITY**

You will want 2-3 really good qualities and examples in section 3
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Example: As a team, we are extremely hard-working. We remain focused on the task at hand, and listen and follow instructions when Ms. Citton is speaking.

#### LAST SECTION: CONCLUSION – reconnect with the introduction.

Example: Clearly, being a part of Team \_\_\_\_\_ is the best decision anyone can make because we are this, this, and this.