

Character Questionnaire

The character questionnaire is an exercise that prompts the reader to examine characterization. The questions are detailed, prompting the reader to think creatively and precisely about the character's actions and role in a given text. Katie has found that the students enjoy the role playing since they have to get into the character's head and in some of the cases make assumptions to answer the questions posed. Read the following questions. Choose the questions that you think will be most helpful in writing about your character. You can use these questions, as well as the ones from the class discussion.

What is your character's name?

Where is your character's birthplace?

What language does your character speak?

Does your character know other languages?

With what culture do most strongly identify?

How does your character express his or her cultural and historical identity?

Discuss a recent conflict and how your character handled the situation.

What does your character like to do during free time?

Who is your character's best friend?

Why is that person your character's best friend?

If your character could live anywhere in the world, where would he or she live.

Why?

If your character could change anything in your life, what would that change be?

Why?

Once the students have completed their character biography, they can use the following character questionnaire biography for self-evaluation.

