

Character Creation Workshop with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To develop complex, multi-dimensional characters by describing physical attributes, personality traits, and internal motivations.

Leo the Lion wants to help you write a story! Use this template to build a character from scratch. Think about not just what your character looks like, but why they act the way they do. Use your most imaginative vocabulary to bring them to life.

Word bank: courageous · mischievous · ambitious · melancholy · resilient · idiosyncrasy · determination · formidable · vibrant · enigmatic

1. Character Profile: Give your character a name and describe their physical appearance in detail. Use expanded noun phrases to help us visualise them. (3 marks)

2. Core Personality: Describe three distinct personality traits. Justify why these traits make your character unique. (3 marks)

3. The Hidden Secret: What is one secret your character keeps, and how does it influence their daily behaviour? (4 marks)

4. Motivation: Explain what your character desires most in the world. What might happen if they finally achieved this goal? (4 marks)

5. Compare and Contrast: If your character met Leo the Lion, how would their personalities clash or complement each other? Provide evidence for your view. (4 marks)

6. The Dilemma: Describe a difficult choice your character faces. Justify the decision they make based on their established traits. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Creative Challenge: Write a short paragraph in the first-person perspective (using 'I') describing a typical morning for your character. How does their voice sound? Does it change depending on who they are speaking to?