

The World Book Day Character Architect

Learning objective: To develop descriptive writing skills by creating a complex, original character profile suitable for a narrative, using expanded noun phrases and sophisticated vocabulary.

Pip the bookworm is preparing for World Book Day, but they have run out of ideas! Use the 'Character Architect' template below to construct an original protagonist. You must select one trait from each category and expand upon it using adventurous adjectives and powerful verbs. Once your character is formed, write a short paragraph explaining their primary motivation in a story.

Word bank: mysterious · intrepid · meticulous · resilient · baffling · extraordinary · tarnished · shimmering · cacophony · endeavour

1. Name your character and describe their appearance using at least two expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'the ragged, velvet cloak that shimmered like moonlight'). (2 marks)

2. Identify one 'flaw' or 'quirk' your character has. Explain why this makes them more interesting to a reader. (2 marks)

3. Choose a setting for your character. Justify why this setting is the perfect place for your character to begin their adventure. (3 marks)

4. What is the 'inciting incident' that forces your character to leave their home? Describe this event using a dramatic verb. (2 marks)

5. Compare and contrast your character with a classic hero. How does your character differ from a traditional 'brave knight' or 'damsel in distress'? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if your character suddenly lost their most prized possession? Explain the emotional impact on your character. (3 marks)

Draw: Sketch your character in the centre of the page, surrounded by three objects they carry in their satchel that hint at their secret history.



Extension challenge: Write a 'blurb' for a book featuring your new character. It must be under 100 words, entice the reader immediately, and include a price tag of £7.99 at the bottom.