

Character Sketch

What is a Character Sketch and why is it important?

A Character Sketch consists of one or more paragraphs that describe a character in a story. This strategy gives students an opportunity to present their opinions about a character, supported by details from the text.

How can I use a Character Sketch with my students?

Explain the purpose of a Character Sketch and show students how they can use the About Point Writing Response format to organize information for the sketch. They can write down whom the Character Sketch is about and the main point they want to make about that character (their judgement). They can then use details from either a Character Rating Scale or a Literary Report Card to support their opinion, which should be supported by at least three details. Students can end by writing a closing statement that restates the opinion of the character.

Following is an example of a Character Sketch of Natasha from the story *Babushka's Doll*.

About Point Writing Response Planning Guide	
Outline	Character Sketch (Summary)
<p>Character Sketch (Summary)</p> <p>About: Natasha</p> <p>Point: was naughty because she wanted her grandmother, to do everything for her now</p> <p>Supporting details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Babushka was washing the clothes but Natasha wanted to swing. 2. Babushka was feeding the goats but Natasha was hungry and wanted to eat lunch. 3. Babushka was hanging up clothes but Natasha wanted a ride. <p>Closing: Natasha was not thoughtful.</p>	<p>Character Sketch (Summary)</p> <p>Natasha was naughty because she wanted her grandmother, to do everything for her now. Babushka was washing the clothes but Natasha wanted to swing. Babushka was feeding the goats but Natasha was hungry and wanted to eat lunch. Babushka was hanging up clothes but Natasha wanted a ride. Natasha was not thoughtful.</p>



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