

Create a Character: Character Vignette and Poem

In the style of Bronx Masquerade, create a new character. Consider the character deeply and write a vignette and one poem from that character's point of view. The vignette should be descriptive and the poem should include figurative language. See the rubric below for more details.

Consider the following as you plan and create:

Give us info about your character through both the vignette and the poem. Who do they know? Who are they friends with? What do they think about other's poems? What do they look like? What do they wish for? How are they stereotyped? What about their family? What is their relationship to their parents and/or their siblings?

Checklist:

Vignette

*Check word count

*Reread to make sure you are error-free

*Underline descriptive language and highlight strong verbs in yellow

Poem

*Text color- similes in blue, metaphors in green, personification in red

*Text color for sensory details in orange

Challenge: Make your vignette a persona piece, by using a character completely unlike you. Careful, don't stereotype.

Vignette	Exceeds	Meets	Does Not Meet
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 350-500 words • Character is clearly established, including how they are stereotyped • A clear scene or moment is described 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250-350 words • Character is established, but little or no information is given about how that character is stereotyped • A scene or moment is described 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 250 words • Character is not established well • No moment or scene is described
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive language and strong verbs are used throughout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some descriptive language and strong verbs are used, but not throughout the whole piece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very little descriptive language and very few strong verbs are used
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Error-free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few grammatical errors, but no errors in spelling or capitalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errors impede understanding of content
Poem			
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15+ lines minimum • Talks back to stereotypes • Poem is about the character in your vignette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15 lines • Poem is about the character in your vignette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 10 lines • Poem is about somewhat about the character in your vignette
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes sensory details and at least one simile, one metaphor, and one piece of personification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes sensory details and at least one piece of figurative language, either simile, metaphor, or personification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes sensory details, but no figurative language