

Character Sketch

Because “By the Waters of Babylon” and “The Tell-Tale Heart” are written from the first-person point of view, the reader’s knowledge of John and the narrator are limited to their words and actions.



Directions: Write a character sketch of John or the narrator from your own point of view. Before you write, gather details about them from the story that will help bring them to life. You may have to infer many details. Begin with an introduction that makes a few generalizations about the character. Then elaborate on each generalization in paragraphs.

Criteria:

- Introduction that makes generalizations
- Go in-depth with character:
 - Age
 - Personality
 - Habits
 - Background
 - Likes/Dislikes
- Cite details and events from the story for support
- Use proper grammar and mechanics
- Uses appropriate language
- 2 pages in length

Character Sketch Rubric

	4	3	2	1
Introduction (x2)	Introduction is strong; includes generalizations about character	Introduction is present; includes generalizations about character	Introduction includes some generalizations about character	No introduction; does not include generalizations about character
Description of character (x2)	Successfully goes in-depth with description; clearly covers all aspects of character	Goes in-depth with description; covers all aspects of character	Includes some description; covers some aspects of character	Does not go in-depth with description; does not cover all aspects of character
Support (x2)	Contains rich details that shape vivid characters; clearly elaborates an insight	Contains details that develop character; elaborates an insight	Contains some details; slightly elaborates an insight	Contains few or no details that develop a character; does not elaborate an insight
Use of Language	Demonstrates excellent sentence and vocabulary variety	Demonstrates adequate sentence and vocabulary variety	Demonstrates repetitive use of sentence structure and vocabulary	Demonstrates poor use of language & generates confusion
Grammar	Contains no errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling	Contains few errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling	Contains some errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling	Contains many errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling
Page Length	Meets required page length	-----	-----	Does not meet required page length