



Lesson: Character Facebook Profile

Ages: 4th and 5th grade

Supplies needed: Paper and pens/pencils

Project Intro: This lesson helps children to demonstrate their ability to understand what makes characters unique and portray 3-dimensional characters.

Materials Reference: Teaching Drama, The Essential Handbook (beatbybeat Press)

Project steps:

Drama Activities:

- **Character Facebook Profile**

- Tell each child and other family member participating that they are going to develop their own characters.
- Give them 10-15 minutes to fill out the following information to create a brand new character from scratch. Encourage them to be adventurous, but believable.

Basic Information:

Age:

Gender:

Place of Birth:

Hair Color:

Eye Color:

Height:

Personal Information:

Hobbies/Interests:

Favorite Music:

Favorite Movie:

Your biggest dream:

Your biggest fear:

Someone you look up to:

Your deepest secret:

Your best friend:

Education and Work:

Educational Studies:

Current job:

Past jobs:

Do you like or dislike your job?

Groups:

Member of:

If you had a day to do whatever you could, what would you do?



- When they have completed filling out their character's profile information, ask them to get up and walk around as their character, practicing what their character's movements would be.

• **Character Improv**

- Ask the participants to break up into pairs.
- Using the characters they just developed, give each pair a specific setting/situation and ask them to improvise a short scene as their characters. Encourage them to be bold and honest.

○ Suggested settings/situations:

- At a dance lesson
- Running a marathon
- At recess
- Studying for a hard test
- Filming a movie
- On a jungle safari
- Karate lessons
- At a birthday party
- Flying a plane
- Robbing a bank
- On a pirate ship
- Visiting the dentist
- Training for a job
- Taking a pet to the vet
- Visiting the doctor
- Buying a Car
- Having your hair done at the salon
- Visiting someone in a hospital
- On a spying mission
- The first astronauts in space
- Getting pulled over by a police officer
- Looking for buried treasure
- Complaining at a restaurant about their meal
- Two criminals on the run
- Stuck in a car teetering on the edge of a cliff
- Trapped in an elevator

Drama Vocabulary:

Character – who the actor is pretending to be

Improvisation – Acting without a written script; creating dialogue as you pretend to do the actions of the characters you are playing

Profile – a list of information about someone

Setting – where the story takes place