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*Character Group Activity Character 1*

Character’s Name

Physical Description

What he/she does / says / thinks (distinctive personality traits)

What he/she wants the most

Depth – Personal History (past/ongoing struggles)

Depth – Personal History (relationships)

Depth – Personal History (desires)

Depth – Personal History (vulnerability)

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*Character Group Activity Character 2*

Character’s Name

Physical Description

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What he/she wants the most

Depth – Personal History (past/ongoing struggles)

Depth – Personal History (relationships)

Depth – Personal History (desires)

Depth – Personal History (vulnerability)

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*Character Individual Activity*

Character’s Name

Physical Description

What he/she does / says / thinks (distinctive personality traits)

What he/she wants the most

Depth – Personal History (past/ongoing struggles)

Depth – Personal History (relationships)

Depth – Personal History (desires)

Depth – Personal History (vulnerability)

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*Conflict Activity 1 and 2*

Green Eggs and Ham

Character-vs-Character

Character-vs-Self

Character-vs-Nature

Character-vs-Society

Comic

Character-vs-Character

Character-vs-Self

Character-vs-Nature

Character-vs-Society

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*Conflict Activity 3*

Previous Characters

Character-vs-Character

Character-vs-Self

Character-vs-Nature

Character-vs-Society

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*Description Activity 1*

1. Mr. Stevens, who was my former neighbor, won his lawsuit.
2. There is a chat area on the Web called Study Hall that encourages students to talk with one another about college courses.
3. He carries a briefcase made out of leather.
4. He carries a briefcase made out of leather that is weather-beaten.
5. The company is taking applications at this point in time.

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*Description Activity 2*

Be Specific. Action Verbs. Use Senses.

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*Dialog Activity 2*

Character’s Name

Physical Description

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What he/she wants the most

Depth – Personal History (past/ongoing struggles)

Depth – Personal History (relationships)

Depth – Personal History (desires)

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