

Welcome to **DAY 3** of the

NEPTUNE THEATRE KID **14 DAY** **CHALLENGE**



Today's Challenge involves one of **the most fun parts of storytelling: Create a CHARACTER!**

What will I need?

Pencil a few pieces of paper
Maybe some pencil crayons and markers
A phone to video or take a photo (if allowed)
Imagination

How long will it take?

Approximately 1 hr

How can I share my challenge results?

Share with us on instagram or facebook [@neptunetheatreschool](#)

All activities can be done alone or shared with others and allow for social distancing.
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On day 1 you came up with the **IDEA, then on Day 2 you created the **STORYLINE** and now we will begin to dive into your **CHARACTER** creation and development.**

A **character** is a person, animal, being, creature, or thing in a story. Writers use **characters** to perform the actions and speak dialogue, moving the story along a plot line. A story can have only one **character** (protagonist) and still be a complete story.

EXPLORE: (25 mins)

- Take a few minutes to look at your storyboard from yesterday. Now take your time to think about all the characters you had in mind. It is ok to add new ones. It is also ok to have only one character.
- On a piece of paper create two columns, one for the character's name and one for either a small picture or short description.



Going back to our Cinderella example:

Character Name:	Character Description:
CINDERELLA	A NICE PERSON WHO, FAMILY IS MEAN, HAS TO CLEAN
STEPSISTERS	NOT NICE. MAKE CINDERELLA DO CHORES.
FAIRY GODMOTHER	MAGICAL PERSON WHO LOVES CINDERELLA
PRINCE	NICE PERSON WHO LIKES TO DANCE

INVESTIGATE: (15mins)

The main person in a story is often referred to as the **hero** of the story.

- What makes someone a hero?
- Who are some of your favourite heros?
- If hero's do not have to have super powers, what else makes them amazing?



In the middle of a piece of paper write the word **HERO** & around it write all of the words you associate being a hero, or with people you think are heros.

Here are some examples:



CONSIDER:

- Who do these words remind you of?
- What do heros all have in common?
- How can a hero be silly?
- What can make a hero sad, angry or afraid?

CREATE: (20 mins) - Start a character sketch

Another word for the **hero** of a story is the **protagonist**.

Definition: A **protagonist** is the leading character or one of the major characters in a drama, movie, novel, or other fictional text.

Who is the **protagonist** of your story?

We will focus on the protagonist for your character sketch for this next step.

There are 3 ways we will create a **character sketch**. (you can do all three or pick the one that works for you.)

1) *Write the answers* to in these questions as your character (use imagination):

- What is your name?
- How old are you?
- Do you have a job?
- Do you have a family? Describe.
- What are you most proud of?
- What are you most afraid of?
- What makes you most excited?

2) *Draw a picture* of what your character looks like. Consider:

- a) What they wear.
- b) Where they live.
- c) What they like to do in their spare time.



3) *Cut out/print images* of people that remind you of your character and make a collage.

*If you want to do all of this for more than one character go ahead. It is fun to explore how characters are different.

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Character Comparison Challenge (30 mins)

Start to explore some characteristics for your new protagonist character:

- What is something most people don't know about them?
- What are they afraid of?
- What is their favourite food?
- What are their favourite things to do?

How is this character different from you?

Make a short video that describes YOU as a character using the script below.

A **script** is the written text of a play, movie, or broadcast.

***Fill in the blanks below and then practice saying these lines, nice and clearly.**

"Hi! My names is _____ and I am taking part in the Neptune Theatre Kid Challenge. I like to _____. My favourite food is _____. My favourite thing to do is _____. I am afraid of _____. Something most people don't know about me is _____."

Thank you for PARTICIPATING!

DAY 4 we will continue exploring our characters.

*****This program has been created by the Director of Education of Neptune Theatre, Laura Caswell with the intention of bringing theatre education, curriculum connections and creativity into your home during this time of social isolation. Please feel free to share any thoughts or feedback at lcaswell@neptunetheatre.com.**



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