# **Sketching Someone**

Writing a Character Sketch

## **About the Lesson**

"Sketching Someone" takes a straightforward approach to teaching your students how to write a character sketch, offering directions for writing a character sketch, along with one example.

# **Targeted Learner Outcomes**

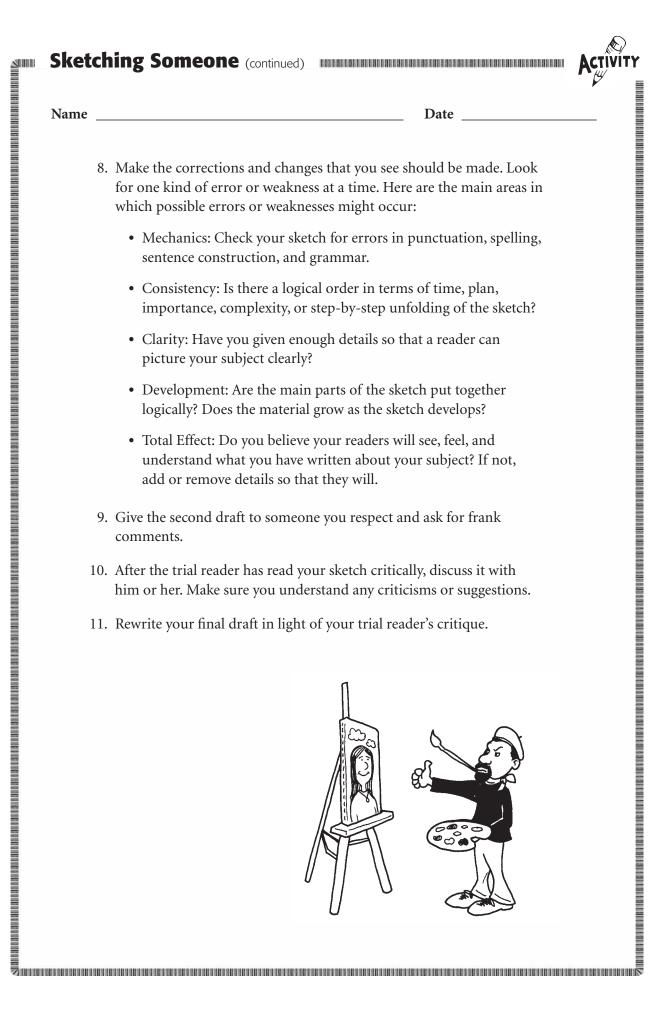
The student will:

- learn what a character sketch is, and
- write a character sketch.
- 1 Have students read the eleven suggestions for writing a character sketch. Emphasize that the first is probably the most important, namely, the subject should be someone that the student knows quite well. Discuss with students the various steps to make sure they understand each.
- The sample sketch is annotated to show how the young writer incorporated the elements mentioned in the lesson in his character sketch. Point out the annotations to students and discuss any questions they have.
- After students have completed their first drafts, go over the main points about writing a character sketch. The purpose of a character sketch or profile is to allow the reader to feel that he or she has gotten to know the subject of the piece. It is not organized chronologically but should be organized by topics. The character sketch is informal in tone, and it benefits from quotes, humor, and anecdotes. The writer must first imagine what the person is like to know. What does he or she look like? Where does he or she live? Who are the subject's friends?





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