

Story Starters

Use one of these sentences to begin your story.

- ~~1~~ Listening to the weather report on the radio, the family huddled around a candle in the dark house.
- ~~2~~ The younger students, with their whining and their unzipped jackets were driving him/her crazy.
- ~~3~~ The arrival of an alien at dinner was not something Jeffery could figure out how to explain. Where should he begin?
- ~~4~~ Eliza winced when her mother tried to speak in a "hip" way.
- ~~5~~ The sound of the far-off train whistle made the gloomy night seem even scarier.
- 6 The children realized that a big storm was blowing in.
- ~~7~~ Stevie was under the old tractor, staring at the huge muddy wheel and plotting her revenge.
- ~~8~~ I like to irritate people so very, very much.
- ~~9~~ Standing in the hot sun, waiting for the Super Express XXL, the fastest roller coaster in the world, Hannah felt certain that she would...
- 10 Meanie Max had always teased Stephany, but today he was being different, even nice!
- ~~11~~ It was just another Tuesday in July until I figured out that my dog could talk to me.

Other Titles

These are other topics you may use:

- ~~1~~ The Invisible Kid
- ~~2~~ Lost in the Snow
- 3 The Day Alligator and I Switched Bodies
- ~~4~~ When the Rain Didn't Stop
- 5 The Meanest Teacher
- 6 The Magic Water Bottle
- ~~7~~ The Cursed Cell Phone
- ~~8~~ Vacation Disaster!
- 9 The Human Zoo
- ~~10~~ The Valley of Shadows
- ~~11~~ The Dog that Read Minds

Have a Different Idea? Write it down here.

a war with
aliens and humans

Stories about ME

Pick one of these topics about you to write a story. It can be the whole truth, or just based on you.

- ~~1~~ The worst fight I ever had with my best friend started out like this:
- 2 This is what happened when I did something my parents told me not to do:
- ~~3~~ My most favorite vacation or trip was awesome because...
- ~~4~~ That was one of the saddest days in my entire life. It started out like this...
- ~~5~~ My relatives are like no one else in the world. They do the craziest things!

Main Character
Graphic organizer

Main Character
Perseus

what do they look like?
big

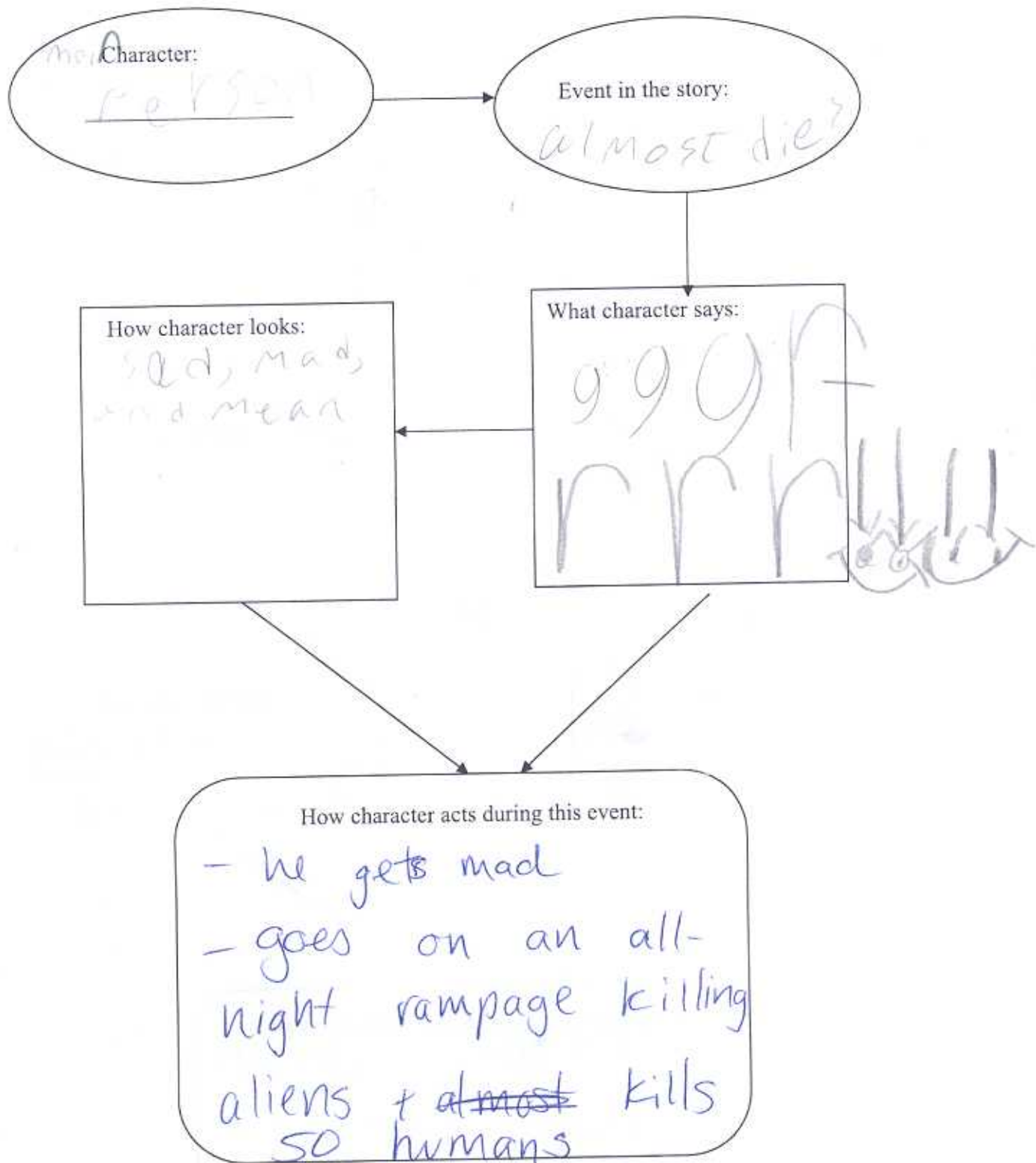
How old?
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years old

Describe their traits
nice
mean, funny
smart

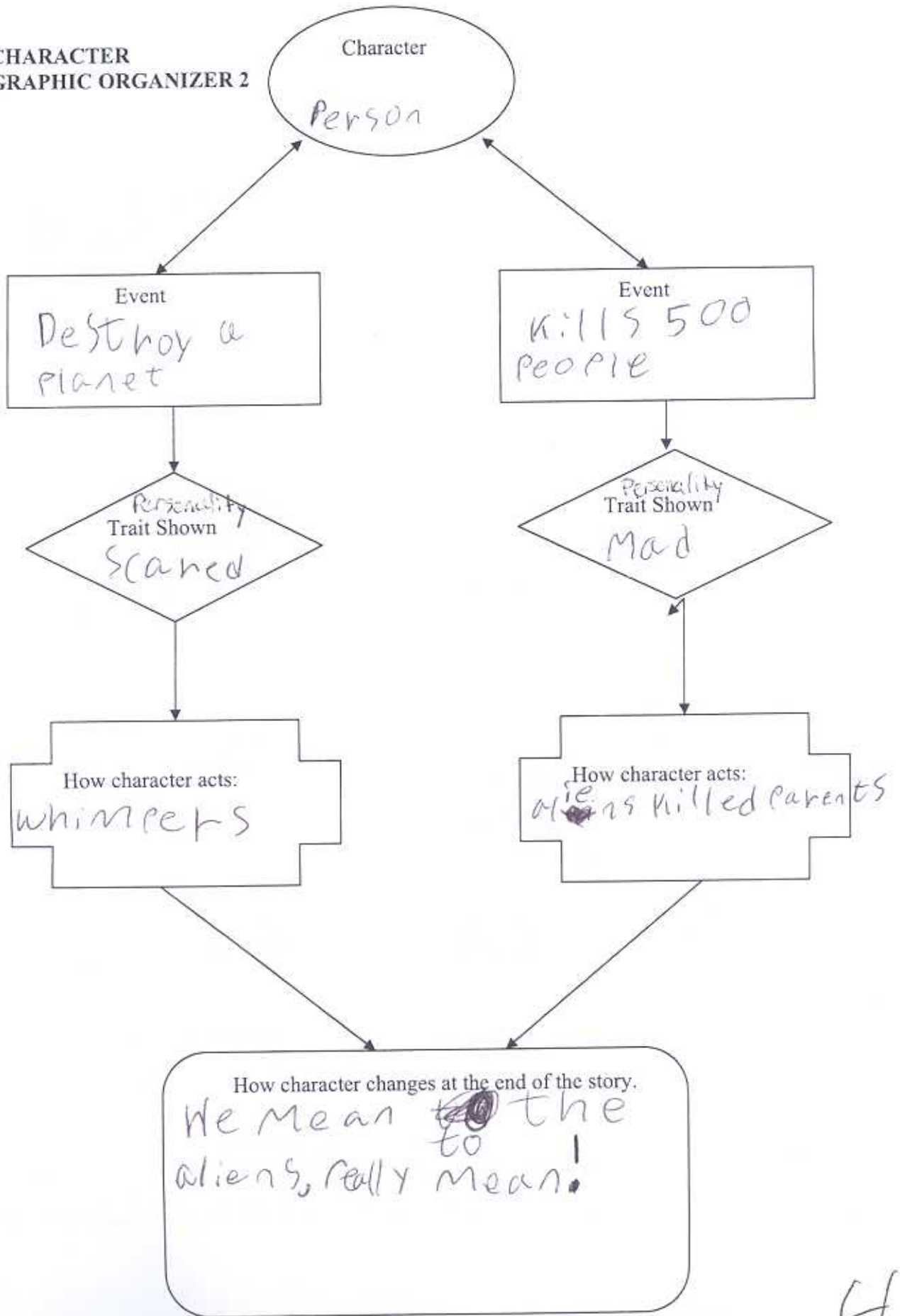
what is their personality?
mean, some times

what do they do?
kill aliens

CHARACTER GRAPHIC ORGANIZER 1



CHARACTER GRAPHIC ORGANIZER 2

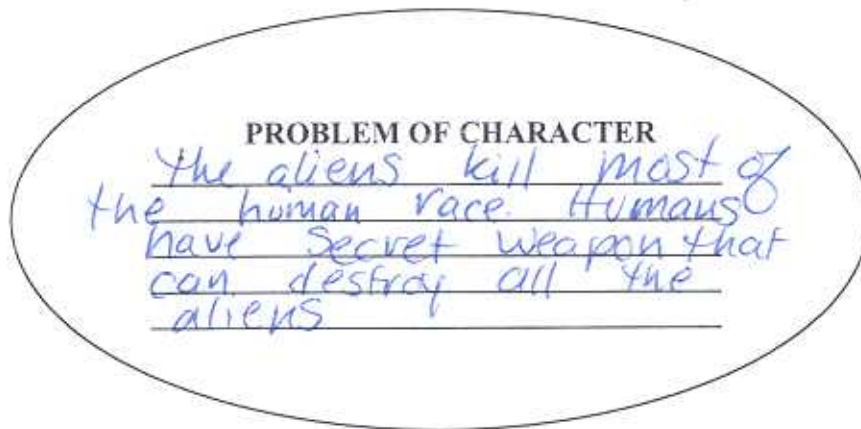


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PROBLEM GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

The problem of a story is also called the plot. Many times characters in a book or story face conflicts or problems. How the character does or doesn't solve the problem becomes the story, or the events in the story. Problems can be a character against another character (a bully who always picks on others), a character against his/her environment (a boy and his dog get lost in a forest), a character against society (a girl who wants to play football on the high school team), or a character against him/herself (a girl who wants to grow up to be a doctor but can't stand the sight of blood or a boy who wants to be in the Olympics but is very clumsy).

Think of the problem that you want your character to have. Then think of three options or choices that the character has to solve the problem and the results of each choice. Your thoughts will help you to write the events of the story and to find a Resolution.



Options character can take:

Run

face the problem

What will happen if character takes the option?

end up ~~die~~ dying

kill the aliens

What will happen next?

He faces the aliens and kills most the aliens, but ends up dying!

STORY MOODS

Stories have many events with many different moods. Sometimes things happen that make you laugh; others make you sad or even angry. Think of the events that are going to happen in your story and the mood you want your audience to feel. You could choose from some of the following: Happy, Sad, Tense, Mysterious, Gloomy, Thrilling, Adventurous, Funny, Scary, Lonely, Hopeful, or many others. Usually as events occur, moods change; however, a story may have one overall mood, such as in a mystery story.

creepy

Your task is to take each event that you have planned and create a mood for the event.

Event	Mood	Things That Create Mood	How Reader Feels
two worlds collide and have a huge war	Mad	death, pain, and suffering	Sad
humans almost go extinct because aliens	Sad	lot of suffering	Sad
the aliens destroy a planet	Creepy	a goo sucks up the planet	Scared

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SETTING GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Where does the story take place? <u>outer space</u>	When does the story take place? <u>3024</u>	Changes in the setting during the story: <u>alien planet</u>
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DETAILS!	DETAILS!	DETAILS!
Dark	NO factories	big
HUGE	building rise from ground	weird
NO air	no robots clean, cook.	millions of aliens
		no water

MORE, MORE, MORE DETAILS!

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