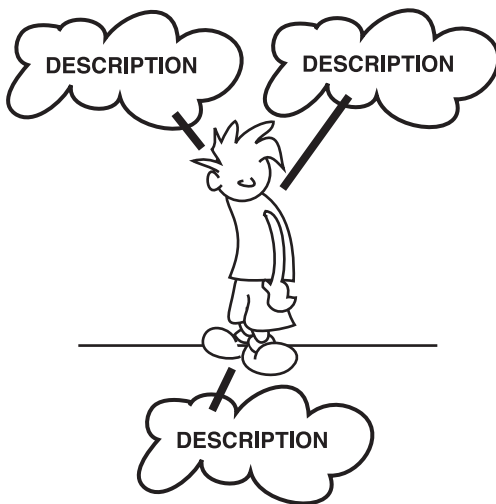


This strategy helps students select and describe a character from a story, and then compare/contrast it to another character from either the same story or another.

1. After reading a story, the students choose a character they wish to describe in detail.
2. The students draw a picture of their character and/or write its name in the middle of a blank piece of paper.
3. The students draw a short line outward from their picture for each description they attribute to their character.
4. The students create a character map for two characters in their story to compare/contrast them, or take characters from two different stories to compare and contrast.
5. The students share their character maps with the class.

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