

Role on the Wall

A great way to explore a character in more depth - the aim of this activity is to help gather thoughts and ideas about a character. It can be used to spark discussion, inform writing or for drama. This activity can be completed when you have finished the book, or added to as you are reading and the character unfolds.

You will need: *A story book of your choice, paper, pens/pencils.*

- Choose a character from the book you are reading - a main character works well. Draw an outline of the character in the middle of your page.
- Around the outside of the shape, write words /phrases to describe the physical appearance of the character. Explore the text for words and add your own ideas.
- In the inside of the shape, write words /phrases to describe the character's personality/behaviour. Again use ideas from the text and your own thoughts about the character.
- Use these ideas to help you write a character description, make a 'Wanted' poster or even write your own story about the character.
- Instead of appearance you could think about - *questions you would like to ask the character, facts you know about them, opinions you have made about them, their thoughts/motivation.*
- Try completing a Role on the Wall for more than one character in the book and think about how they compare / interact with each other.

