

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

# A Roman Mystery Story

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

WALT: create a character.

WILF

- ▶ Character development;
- ▶ Careful vocabulary choices.

Over the coming weeks, we are going to be writing a Roman adventure or mystery story.

Today we're going to think about who hero of our story is!



Listen to the character descriptions.

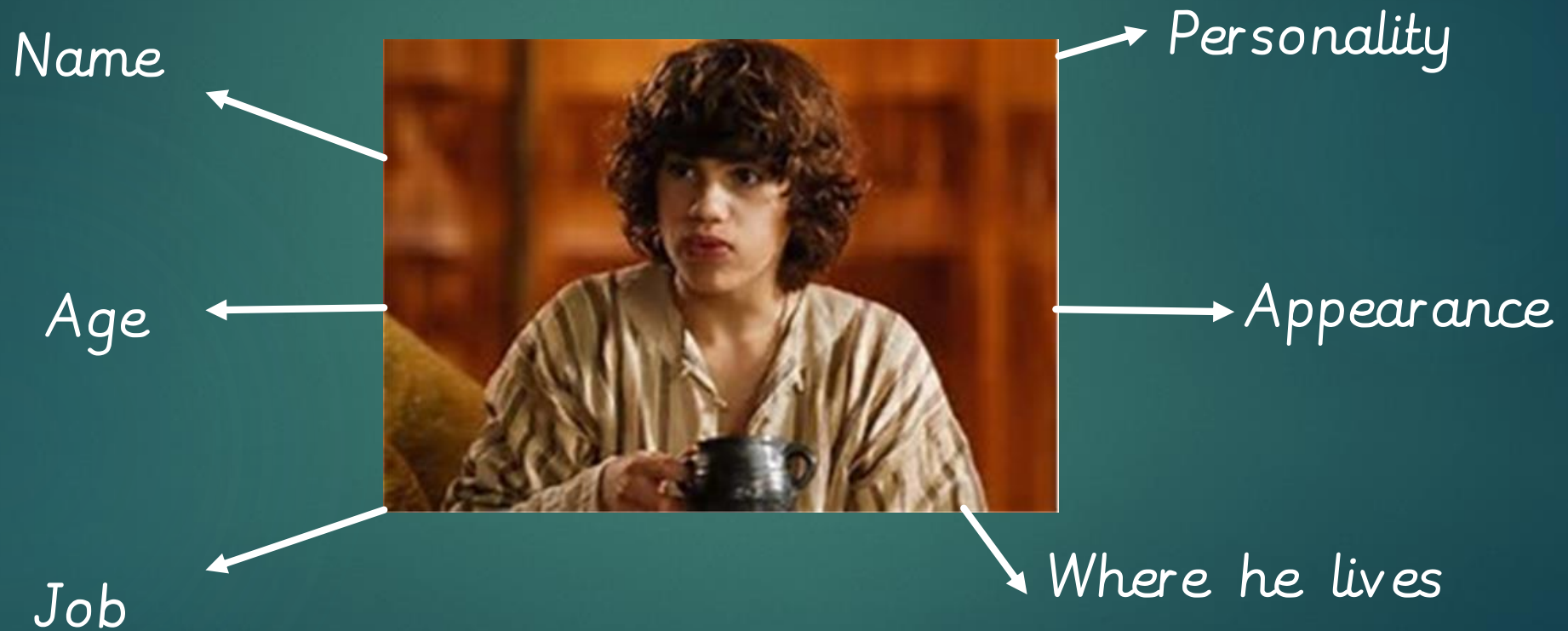
Can you sketch the person I am describing?  
What story could they be in?

Deep inside the darkest cave lived a hideous creature known as Dink. Covered from head to toe in grotesque white pimples and crusty mud soaked skin, you could smell Dink before you could even see him. On the very top of his head lived a family of lice that played all day in his bright green, unwashed hair. His enormous muscles escaped from his tiny clothes which were soaked in sweat. Not only was Dink disgusting he also has a terrible attitude.

What about this girl?  
What adventures might she have?

On the very top of a magical mountain lived an enchanting and beautiful princess called Annabella. Her auburn hair was thick, shiny and glossy and tumbled down her shoulders like ocean waves. She wore a crimson dress that glistened in the light and long, silk, pink gloves on her tiny hands. Annabella was quite a shy girl that blushed when talking.

Mind map ideas to describe this Roman boy.  
You could write notes or just talk about your ideas this time.





Here are some ideas to get you started:

Click me when  
you're done

Name  
Matthias

Age  
12 (he thinks...although he  
hasn't celebrated a  
birthday for many years)

Job  
He works as a  
servant for a wealthy  
lady who wears a  
toga and lots of  
jewellery.

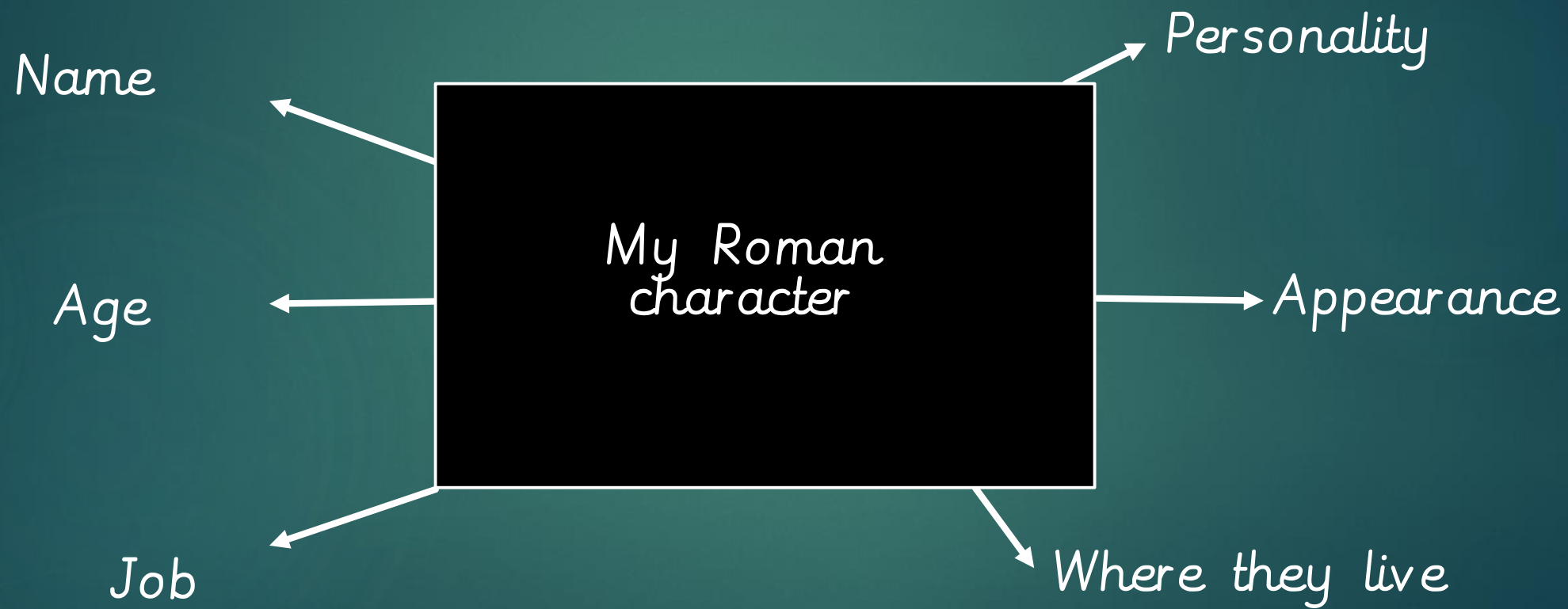


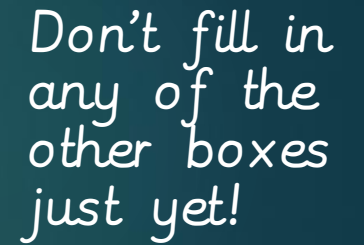
Personality  
Matthias is painfully shy in  
the company of strangers but  
friendly and loyal to those  
he is closest too. After a  
lifetime of hardship, he is  
brave and not easily  
frightened.

Where he lives  
He lives in Britannia. He sleeps  
in the overcrowded, damp and  
dark servants quarters of a  
large villa with his friends (the  
other servants).

Appearance  
Matthias has unkempt,  
straggly hair which he  
hides behind when he is  
feeling shy. He is small  
and scrawny with tattered  
clothes, much too short on  
the arms and creeping up  
on the legs.

If you had a main character in a Roman mystery story, what would they be like?





Don't fill in  
any of the  
other boxes  
just yet!



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

WALT: write a character opening.

WILF

- ▶ Adverbs, fronted adverbials and adverbial phrases
- ▶ Sentence starts
- ▶ Varied conjunctions

Over the coming weeks, we are going to be writing a Roman adventure or mystery story.

Today we're going to introduce your character to the world!



Today you are going to use your planning ideas to write the first paragraph of your Roman mystery and introduce your main character.

The character will become the hero of the story and solve the Roman mystery that you create next week.

You could use this paragraph support structure to get you started:

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. He wore a \_\_\_\_\_  
and worked as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Although \_\_\_\_\_,  
All his friends thought he \_\_\_\_\_.

### WILF:

- ★ 4 or 5 sentences in a paragraph
- ★ Use sentence starters
  - Personality
  - Appearance
  - Job or hobbies

# WAGOLL

What A Good One Looks Like

Matthias was unkempt, scrawny and usually hid behind his thick mop of straggly hair. He worked as a servant boy in the town's grandest villa yet wore a stained tunic that smelt sour and was much too short on the arms. Although he seemed meek and meagre, Matthias was a curious boy with a brave heart. There was much more to him than met the eye!

WILF:

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- ★ Use sentence starters
  - Personality
  - Appearance
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# Green Pen Edit



Remember to read back through your work carefully!

Check for:

- ▶ CL and .
- ▶ Your use of conjunctions (FANBOYS and ISAWAWABUB)
- ▶ Sentence starters (e.g. fronted adverbials)

Star Challenge:

- ★ Similes or metaphors
- ★ Adverbs