

## Body Biography

For your chosen character, you will create a body biography – a visual and written portrait illustrating several aspects of the character’s life within the work.

You have many possibilities for filling up your sheet of paper. Below several choices are listed, feel free to come up with your own creations and ideas. The choices you make should be based on the text – but also exhibit creativity and analysis.

Your portrait must contain:

1. a review of significant happenings in the play
2. 2 - 4 visual symbols
3. a portion of original text
4. your character’s three most important lines from the play

Suggestions:

1. *Placement* – Carefully choose the placement of your text and artwork. For example, the area where your character’s heart would be might be appropriate for illustrating the important relationships within his or her life.
2. *Spine* – Actors often discuss a character’s spine. This is her/his objective within a play. What is the most important goal for your character? What drives her/his thoughts and actions? This is her/his spine. How can you illustrate it?
3. *Virtues and vices* – What are your character’s most admirable qualities? Her/his worst? How can you make us visualize them?
4. *Color* – Colors are often symbolic. What color(s) do you most associate with your character? Why? How can you effectively work these colors into your presentation?
5. *Symbols* – What objects can you associate with your character that illustrate her/his essence? Are there objects mentioned within the play itself that you could use? If not, choose objects that especially seem to correspond with the character.
6. *Mirror, mirror...* - Consider both how your character appears to others on the surface and what you know about the character’s inner self. Do these images clash or correspond? What does this tell you about the character?
7. *Changes* – How has your character changed within the play? Trace these changes within your text and/or artwork.

Assessment:

Advanced – Will include all required items, be aestically pleasing and include a minimum of 5 suggestions

Proficient – Will include all required items, be aestically pleasing and include a minimum of 3 suggestions

Basic – Will include all required items and include a minimum of 2 suggestions

Minimal – Will include 3 required items