

Character Sketch Assignment Sheet

How Do Authors Use Details to Describe Characters?

Directions: Read the author's excerpt. Then revise it to include more imagery so that the character description is more vivid and complete. Draw a detailed picture based on your revision. Highlight words and phrases that help you to draw your picture.

"Alfonso, Hortensia's husband, was el jefe, the boss, of all the field-workers and Papa's compañero, his close friend and companion. He had the same dark skin and small stature as Hortensia, and Esperanza thought his round eyes, long eyelids, and droopy mustache made him look like a forlorn puppy." (Ryan, 2000, p. 16)

Write a revision of the author's character description to give readers a total picture in their minds of what Alfonso looks like. You can include any part of the author's words and phrases within your revision.

Draw a picture of the character to match your description.