Give each student a picture of a student around their age.

Have students glue the picture in their Writer’s Notebook. Under the picture, have students follow steps 1-3.
Model each step with your own picture before students do the step with their character.
1. Name your character. First, Middle, Last
2. Infer 3 things about your character and support it with evidence from the picture.
3. List 5 things your character despises/hates/abhors. And why.

Students will get their Writer’s Notebook and share their character so far with a partner. If they shared yesterday, they will share with a different partner.

Model with your own character steps 4-7. After each step, students will complete the step in their own Writer’s Notebook.
4. List 5 things your character loves/adores/cherishes. And why.
5. Immediate family.
6. Parents, step-parents. Relationship. Legacy. Inherited traits.
7. Grandparents. Inherited tendencies. Stories. Legacies.

Students will get their Writer’s Notebook and share their character so far with a partner. If they shared yesterday, they will share with a different partner.

Model with your own character steps 8-11. After each step, students will complete the step in their own Writer’s Notebook.

8. Date of photograph. D/M/Y. Location of the photograph. Age of your character at the taking of the photograph. Birthdate. D/M/Y. Birthplace.
9. Heart’s greatest desire.
10. Greatest fear.
11.Character’s closet
Shoes/footwear
Clothing/outerwear
Chest of drawers (can be secured with a lock)–valuables, secrets
iPod – play list
books/videos

Students will get their Writer’s Notebook and share their character so far with a partner. If they shared yesterday, they will share with a different partner.

Model with your own character step 12. After each step, students will complete the step in their own Writer’s Notebook.

12. Create a timeline.

Add various encounters (your character meets your family or your character meets the president- include dialogue) with the character.

Add various plot starts (your character is standard on a deserted island or your character is accused of a crime he SAYS he didn't commit).