

Create a Character & Setting from Another Culture

Fiction from another culture is full of details that will establish the backdrop of your story. When you brainstorm your character, discover as much as you can about him or her. Then select the necessary details for your story. When you brainstorm the setting, pick the information that accurately and consistently shows the world your character lives in.

CHARACTER:

What is his or her ethnicity? Religion? Parents and grandparents nationalities? What languages are spoken at home?

List some of what your character's:

Likes

Dislikes

- Food, dining habits
- Relative
- Hobby/leisure activity/sport
- Book
- School subject
- Type of clothes, jewelry, make-up, hairstyle.

What is the one thing your character wants more than anything else? Why? What has he already done to try to obtain it? What will he try in the future?

Who is your character's enemy?

What is your character's biggest fear?

SETTING:

Types of community in which he/she lives.

Type of home & furnishings. What rooms were used for eating? Sleeping? Playing?

What does his/her father and mother do?

Mode of transportation. What are the roads like?

What does "modern technology?" mean?

Who goes to school? Who teaches?

Was there a political event that recently affected your character's country?

What is the national currency? Is your character wealthy or poor?