

Sample Narrative Brainstorming Page

	Character 1	Character 2
Name	Luis	Brianna
Age	11	12
Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where do they live? Who is in their family? How do they feel about school and friends? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lives in an apartment with his grandparents; moved here two years ago Has mixed feelings about school: likes to learn, but sometimes finds the work difficult Hasn't made close friends yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lives in a house with her mom and three younger sisters Helps take care of things at home; Mom works a lot Likes school and being involved in activities, but doesn't have close friends
Traits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do they look like? What are their strengths? What are their flaws or challenges? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaggy dark hair; tall; wears hoodies a lot Creative, observant, kind Shy, quiet, and sensitive to criticism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wavy brown hair, glasses, neat appearance Responsible, organized, dependable Perfectionist, likes to be in control
Motivations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do they care about most? How does this affect their decisions? What are they working toward: a goal, a new understanding, or a change? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cares most about making his grandparents proud Working toward believing his art has value and gaining confidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cares most about setting a good example for her younger sisters Working on being okay with making mistakes and learning to be more flexible and relaxed

How and where do these characters meet?

Luis and Brianna meet in art class when their teacher, Ms. Hernandez, asks them to stay after class because they have been selected to design the school mural.

How might their differences initially cause conflict or misunderstanding?

Brianna likes to plan everything and worries that Luis will not care about the project, while Luis prefers to improvise and worries that Brianna will be too controlling.

What can these characters learn from each other?

Luis can gain confidence and learn the value of careful planning, and Brianna can learn that being flexible and spontaneous can add fun and creativity. They learn to compromise and begin to form a friendship.