

# Arts Assessment For Learning

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THEATRE — 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

## RESOURCES: SCENE WRITING: CHARACTER DESCRIPTION

As an example for a detailed character description I used a description from an author and story series the students would be familiar with, we then discussed how the author gave us a very clear picture of who the character is, and how he wanted his character to be perceived by an audience. The description is below:

### **D.W. from the Arthur Series by Marc Brown**

**Dora Winifred "D.W." Read** is Arthur's [eccentric](#) sister. She is four years old in the beginning of the series and turns five in an episode featuring her birthday. She is a middle child of the Read family. She attends preschool and enjoys watching children's television shows (*Mary Moo Cow* in particular) and the song "Crazy Bus" much to Arthur's annoyance. She is also known for her many short-lived obsessions and tantrums if these obsessions are not fulfilled. Many of the series' episodes revolve around tensions between D. W. and her brother--she especially enjoys getting him in trouble. Arthur occasionally envies D.W.'s accomplishments and D.W. of the privileges and capabilities that Arthur has for being older. While she acts self-centered and audacious, she shows appreciation towards Arthur and usually understands when she is wrong. She goes by the short name "D.W.", owing to an evident dislike for her full name. She wears a white long-sleeved tee under a sleeveless pink dress that is knee-length and has green shoes. In the first few seasons, D.W. made fun of Arthur's fondness for dessert (referring to an incident in "D.W. Gets Lost" where Arthur ate a piece of chocolate cake whole and D.W. caught him doing so), mostly with fantasies or smart-aleck remarks.