

Realistic Fiction

Character Cards

Here's a way to keep track of all the characters – make trading cards for them. These cards will look very similar to baseball cards, but they will show different kinds of information.

Materials:

1. 5 X 8 – inch index cards (or paper cut to size)

Directions:

1. Find a book of realistic fiction that interests you and is at an appropriate reading level for you. Have your book approved by your teacher.

Book Title: _____
Author: _____

2. List the characters below as you read the story.

3. Circle the characters that are most important to the story. You should circle at least five characters in total. (Even a character that seems to have a small part can be very important to the story.)

4. Make a character card for each of the characters you circled. On one side of the index card, draw and color a picture of the character. Don't be shy – use the whole card to draw your picture. Write the character's name below or above the picture.

5. On the back of each card, include the following information. You may need to look up some of this information in your book. If you can't find the exact information write "Information not available."

- o Name and approximate age
- o Home
- o Occupation (job)
- o Physical description (what the character looks like)

DUE DATES
Book Approved
Book Finished
Rough Draft Due
Project Due

- o Role in the story (how is the character involved)
- o What kinds of things does this character enjoy doing