



Characters' Emotions

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CONNECT the way story illustrations and text reveal characters' emotions, set a tone, and move the narrative along. Author Ali Stroker included her young self as a character in the book, *Ali and the Sea Stars*. The book's illustrator, Gillian Reid, drew facial expressions that give readers a window into the characters' emotions. Be a character illustration detective. Find evidence of excitement, frustration, pride, surprise, curiosity, or determination.



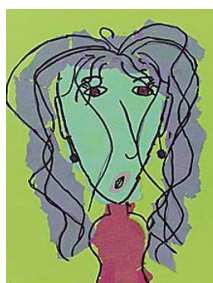
EXCITEMENT pride frustration
curiosity surprise DETERMINATION



Jay F.



Gianna C.



Anonymous



Katy S.



Jackson H.



RESPOND to emotional changes that occur in a story. When people encouraged Ali to perform, how did she feel? When the group's theatre props were ruined by a storm, how did their emotions change? Pair with a classmate. Tell each other a story based on events that made you feel a roller coaster of emotions, from very high to very low or vice versa.



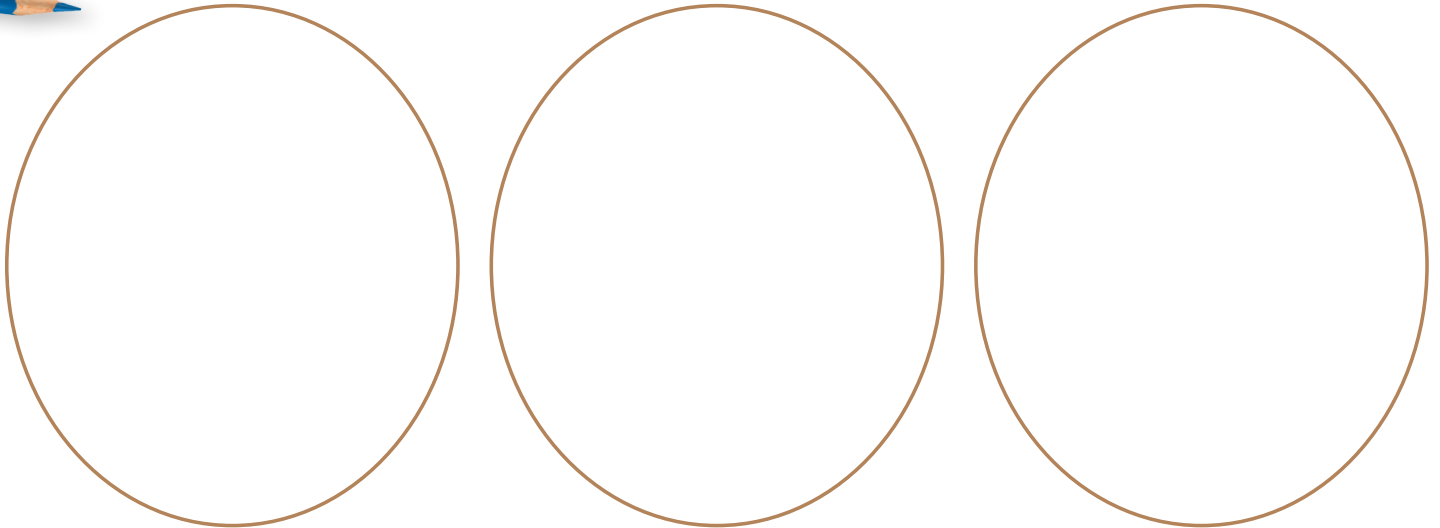
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CREATE sketches of your face portraying three different emotions. Examine your face in a mirror. Identify what happens to your forehead, eyebrows, cheeks, mouth, and chin when your emotions change from confident to hesitant, from embarrassed to proud, and from excited to nervous.

DRAW YOUR FACE SHOWING THE CHANGES THAT YOU NOTICED IN THE MIRROR.



Why wait?
Ali had never
thought of that.

WHY wait?



A smile spread
across Ali's face.
WHY WAIT?



PRESENT a dramatic performance supported by your art. Create a short skit based on Ali's famous quote, "Why wait?" What dream of yours should not wait? How could a community help you bring your dream to life now? Will this be a solo performance, or will you ask others to become characters in your presentation?

JOT IDEAS FOR YOUR PERFORMANCE HERE:



When you present, emphasize various facial expressions, and use your illustrations to inform how feelings might change when you follow a dream.

Note for teachers and parents:

For more creative inspiration and hands-on explorations go to Crayola.com/CreativityWeek
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We can't wait to see what they create.



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