**Super Hero Profile Ideate1**

**TYPE**: The difference between a superhero and a villain is how and why they use their powers. Superheroes use their powers for the good of others. Villains use their powers for themselves and often for evil. There are many types of superheroes; some are listed below.

**1. Gadgeteer:** A hero who invents special equipment that often imitates superpowers (Batman)

**2. Armored Hero:** A gadgeteer whose powers are from a suit of powered armor (Iron Man)

**3. Elementalist:** A hero who controls some natural element or part of the natural world (The Human Torch)

**4. Mentalist:** A hero who possesses psychic abilities, such as telekinesis, telepathy and extra-sensory perception

(Professor X)

**5. Blaster:** A hero whose main power is usually an “energy blast” (Cyclops)

**6. Brick/Tank:** A character with a superhuman degree of strength and endurance and usually an oversized,

muscular body (The Thing)

**7. Shapeshifter:** A hero who can manipulate his/her own body to suit his/her needs, such as stretching (Mister

Fantastic, Plastic Man) or disguise (Changeling, Mystique).

**8. Size changer:** A shapeshifter who can alter his/her size (The Atom)

**9. Speedster:** A hero possessing superhuman speed and reflexes (The Flash, Quicksilver)

**CREATE**

The type of hero that you choose to create will influence the way your character looks and the powers that s/he has. What type of superhero do you want to create, one of those listed above, a combination, or something different?

**ORIGIN**: Your hero’s origin is his/her beginning. It is not necessarily where his/her powers began, but answers the questions concerning his/her birth, family, & start in life.

**BACK STORY**: Your hero’s back story explains his/her powers & superhero part of life.

**CREATE**

1. Where does your hero come from…another planet, the ocean, a city, another country…?

2. What family does s/he have? Do they have similar powers, different powers, no powers?

3. When did your hero get his/her powers, at origin or later in life?

4. How did your character get his/her powers?

5. What is your superhero’s name?

6. Does your hero have a secret identity (alter ego)? If so, what and why?

7. Does s/he fight for a particular cause, such as justice or the environment? If so, what?

**POWERS**: A superhero’s powers depend upon the type of hero s/he is and are built upon or explained by his/her origin &/or back story. Some heroes have one main power, others have several powers. Powers include the ability to fly, to be invisible, to hear through walls, to talk to animals, to breathe underwater, to teleport, to shrink, to use great strength, to change shape, to control the weather, and much more.

**CREATE**

1. Based upon the type of character you are creating and upon the origin and back story that you produced list

the powers that s/he has.

2. What triggers your superhero’s powers? How are they put into action? (Dr. Banner becomes the Hulk when he

gets angry; Iron Man must be wearing his suit. Etc.)

3. What weaknesses does your superhero have? Can your character sometimes be too big or too small; can s/he

run out of energy; can his/her tools get lost or broken…?

**PERSONALITY**: A superhero’s personality is observed in his/her general attitude and manner and affects the way that s/he reacts to situations and how s/he communicates. Personality can be described using adjectives such as calm, intense, outgoing, etc. A character may have two different personalities, one for the alter ego and one for the superhero, such as Dr. Banner and the Hulk or Clark Kent and Superman. A superhero’s back story influences his/her personality depending on if s/he is in disguise, experiences physical changes, etc.

**CREATE**

1. Will your superhero have one personality or more?

2. Use adjectives to describe your hero’s personality. If s/he has an alter ego, describe both personalities.

3. Describe how your superhero’s personality would be observed in his/her general attitude, manner, and

communication. How would s/he talk, walk, behave…?”

4. How will your superhero’s personality affect the way that s/he responds to various situations? Will s/he be

thoughtful, quick to react, emotional…?

**APPEARANCE**: A superhero’s appearance is the way that s/he looks physically. Superheroes may be any color or gender. The superhero’s appearance depends upon his/her type, back story, powers, and personality. The type of superhero determines whether s/he looks human or non-human, even mechanical. The back story may indicate that the superhero’s looks change if the character has the ability to morph into another size or shape. The personality will be seen in his/her body language and facial expressions. The powers may show in physical features, the type of suit worn or tools used. A superhero’s outfit is important to the way that s/he looks. Superheroes that have an alter ego usually look normal except when they wear their outfit and are in superhero mode.

**CREATE**

1. Is your superhero human or non-human?

2. Is your superhero male, female, or non-gender?

3. Does your superhero have more than one look?

4. Describe your superhero’s size, shape, and color of hair, eyes, skin (not outfit). If your character has an alter

ego, describe the physical changes that occur when s/he goes into superhero mode.

5. Describe your superhero’s outfit: color, tools, cape, mask, etc. Remember that the outfit must be based upon

your hero’s type, back story, and powers.

**INSIGNIA**: A superhero’s insignia is the symbol, logo, or badge that represents him/her. The insignia usually reflects his/her power(s) &/or name and is worn on his/her outfit, cape, and accessories, such as vehicles.

**CREATE**

1. What does your superhero’s insignia represent, his/her name, power(s), both, or something else?

2. Describe his/her insignia: colors, pictures, borders…

3. Where will your superhero wear &/or use his/her insignia?

4. Draw a picture of your hero’s insignia and either color it or label the colors to be used.

**CREATE A SUPERHERO DRAWING**

Based upon the decisions that you have made about your superhero create a drawing that includes everything – type, origin & back story, powers, personality, appearance, and insignia. If your character has an alter ego, you should draw both the alter ego and the superhero. The goal is to put all of your written ideas into a picture format. Elaborate artwork is not required. It is okay to use simple icons to represent your reality. It is also okay to label your drawing to give details and explain specifics.

Please use the large paper and outline a member of your team in a superhero position to start your drawing.