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Narrative Writing: A Dialogue

Assignment: Use Dialogue to Shape Characters

Find a copy of a painting or a photograph in which two or three people seem to be engaging in a conversation. Imagine what the people might be saying to one another. Think of characteristics for each figure. Then draft a dialogue between the characters.

PURPOSE To use dialogue to make characters come to life

AUDIENCE Yourself

LENGTH 1–2 pages

WRITING RUBRICS

To create effective dialogue, you should

- use language that reveals characters' moods and personalities
- use quotation marks to show characters' exact words
- use descriptive phrases when necessary to tell how the words should sound
- proofread to make sure you have made clear who is speaking
