



**Activity:** Character Facebooks

**Focus:** Literacy

**Materials:** Pencil, Facebook Profile

**Grade Range:** 7th & 8th

**Time:** 25 Minutes

**Synopsis:** Students will be given a blank Facebook profile template and complete it based on their favorite book character. They will draw a portrait of their character, create posts regarding things they remember the character thinking/saying/ doing in the book, and write down facts based on what they already know about their chosen character.

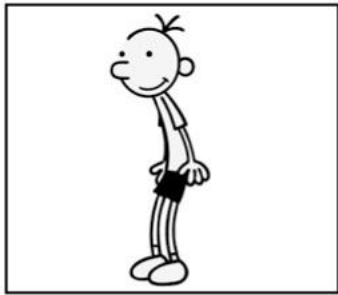
**Instructions:**

- 1) Mentors will begin by telling students to think of their favorite book character. It can be a non-fiction or fictional character.
- 2) Then define what Facebook is. **\*\*NOTE:** Students will probably already know what Facebook is and maybe even have their own profile already. If this is the case, you don't have to spend as much time defining it.\*\*
- 3) Now, explain to students that they will be making their own Facebook page but of their favorite book character. Use the template provided for students to do so. Explain to students that they will be drawing their character, answering a few questions based on what they know about their chosen character, and even writing a few posts of things they believe the character would be thinking/doing/saying/etc. Use the example provided if needed.
- 4) Give students approximately 15 minutes to complete their character page. Encourage them to write more about their character than just a few words. Tell students to "be creative and use adjectives when explaining their character." Mentors, you complete a page for your favorite book character too.
- 5) Once the activity is finished, ask a few students to volunteer to share a few things about their character's profiles. Ask questions such as:
  - Why did you choose this character in particular?
  - What part of the Facebook page did you enjoy most?
  - Did you like drawing out the picture of your character, writing in your facts, or creating the posts? Why?
  - What was your favorite part of the book and why?
- 6) After you get a few student volunteers to share, mentors can share their profiles too. \

Example and Blank Template provided below.



Name: Greg Heffley- Diary of a Wimpy Kid



**3 Important Facts about Me:**

- 1) My best friend is Rowley Jefferson and we love to play videos games together. Especially the game *Wicked Twister*.
- 2) I have two brothers-- older brother is Rodrick and my younger brother is Manny. Both tend to get on my nerves often.
- 3) My nickname is "Bubby" but I absolutely hate it. Manny gave it to me and I refuse to be called it.

**About Me:**

I am: in middle school and 11 years old

I am: lazy, mischievous, a troublemaker  
trying to be my schools

I am: cartoonist for the newspaper

I am: a pro at creating Haunted Houses

I like: making people laugh

I like: writing in the journal my mom gave me


Other:

- Middle School is difficult, but I really enjoy trying to make my way to the top on the popularity list.
- I was a member of the safety patrol, but got kicked off after leaving kids behind while walking them home.

Post Date: December 8th, 2004

I got a D in handwriting today because I was crossing my fingers. You gotta be safe out there guys, I DO NOT want to get the cheese touch!


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 Like Rowley Jefferson Likes your post

Post Date: November 28th, 2004

I'm running for Class Treasurer today! Please vote Greg Heffley! I won't let you guys down! Also keep an eye out for my posters hung up around school!

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 Like Fregley Likes your post


 **My Friends**

1. Rowley Jefferson
2. Fregley
3. Holly Hills
4. Patty Ferrell
5. Chirag Gupta

Post Date:

Today was my first day of middle school. It's so much different than I thought it would be. Rowley and I had to eat lunch next to the trashcans because there was no where to sit at lunch. Ugh!!

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 Like Patty Ferrell Likes your post



Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**3 Important Facts about Me:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**About Me:**

I am: \_\_\_\_\_

I am: \_\_\_\_\_

I am: \_\_\_\_\_

I am: \_\_\_\_\_

I like: \_\_\_\_\_

I like: \_\_\_\_\_


Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 **My Friends**

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