

# Assignment #5 Feature Character Design

1. Choose a story. (fairytale, fable, myth, Legend, favorite novel, favorite childhood storybook, etc.)
2. What type of media is the film going to be made in? (traditional, 3-D, stop motion, etc.)
3. Work up a description for 2 characters (where do they live, their family, their favorite color, etc.), give them a personality (write about a paragraph). Do **lots** of research (including an artist that has/does inspired/inspire you).
4. Draw many thumbnails; silhouettes, doodles, rough shapes, etc.
5. Rough out a design for the 2 characters (one of them should be the main character) in your story (hero or villain) Revise your design after critique. Paint a color version of your characters (Remember! limited palette).
6. Experiment with accessories and costumes. (this should fill a page: 5 drawings)
7. Draw an Expression Sheet:

## ***First Character:***

- 6 Full Body expressions (color one)
- 4 expressive poses of your characters hands
- 5 busts (head and shoulders) in different attitudes and angles.

## ***Second Character:***

- 4 Full Body expressions (color one)
- 3 expressive poses of your characters hands
- 3 busts (head and shoulders) in different attitudes and angles.

8. Draw any other special poses or notes that an artist may need to draw the characters.
9. Place each of your characters in an environment to help tell their story (together or if they are hero and villain do only one of the characters in an environment - maybe where they live, their favorite place, where something happens, etc.)
10. Name an influence (Artist) on your work for this project.

Completed assignment should be posted on your Blog.

Due Date: Tuesday April 5, 2016

***Things to keep in mind:***

Line quality: thick to thin, consistent, wiggly, etc.

***Simplicity:*** Is your friend. Is the design esthetic for your story more naturalistic, more designed, flat, simple but with volume and form, etc. Were you influenced by any artists? Who are they? Who influenced them?

What shapes are being used?

What time period is the story, when is it happening?

Where does the story take place primarily?

How old are the characters in the story? What demographic and/age are they aimed at?

What type of program is being used to animate them? Flash, Maya, drawn, etc?