

## WEEK 1: CHARACTERS

### How to Write An Adventure Film: El Dorado Lesson 1

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**Todays' lesson:** [youtu.be/bkbE1A1s\\_Vk](https://youtu.be/bkbE1A1s_Vk)

We are starting a swashbuckling pirate adventure with Litfilmfest! You will be writing your own adventure story. We have now read chapter 1 of 'El Dorado' and like the characters in the story who are in search of the 'Lost City of Gold' you will create either a detective agency, or an explorer crew, to go in search of hidden treasure, or a secret island, or somewhere else... the story theme is up to you.

#### Tasks:

- The first task is for you to think of a name for your explorer crew or detective agency.
- Next think of a motto. *Motto definition: a favourite saying of an individual, family or group (synonyms: slogan, catchphrase, mantra, war cry, rallying cry, battle cry, cry, watchword)*
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## How to Write An Adventure Film: El Dorado Lesson 2

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**Today's lesson:** [youtu.be/gp6h\\_wGPKI8](https://youtu.be/gp6h_wGPKI8)

Today we will begin to think about our characters. We are going to write 2A sentences – that means we will use 2 different adjectives to describe each of our characters. Keep all of your ideas together. Don't forget to read, edit and improve your sentences and remember to check your punctuation.

### Tasks:

Choose 3 of your characters and write a few sentences for each to describe them. Make sure you use some 2A sentences for each, and make them as interesting as possible. See the example from today's lesson below.

*Robin is a **funny, kindhearted** boy with a **fearless, determined** nature.*

*Anthony is a **heroic, daring** explorer with an **energetic, mysterious** personality.*

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Character 2:

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Character 3:

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## How to Write An Adventure Film: El Dorado Lesson 3

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**Today's lesson:** [youtu.be/Lyj\\_NuRt5J0](https://youtu.be/Lyj_NuRt5J0)

Today we will think a bit more about our characters to improve and build on our work from yesterday. You can always add more characters once you have finished the first three.

### Tasks:

Write a paragraph about each character, about their likes/dislikes, personality and so on. Can you use these questions to write a full description?

- How old are they? When did they start with your group?*
- What sort of personality do they have? Write at least 3 good traits and one bad trait.*
- What are their favourite hobbies? What are they like to work with?*
- Tell us an embarrassing or funny story or fact about them. Do they have any special skills?*

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## How to Write An Adventure Film: El Dorado Lesson 4

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**Today's lesson:** [youtu.be/Ra6nOBI3cyM](https://youtu.be/Ra6nOBI3cyM)

In today's lesson we'll bring our characters to life in our first scene! This is the start of your movie, so introduce the character and the group.

### Tasks:

- Film yourself (and your whoever else you can get involved) acting out what you've already written in the last few lessons.
- Speak slowly and clearly - do a test first to make sure you can be heard.
- How would your characters act?
- Keep the camera steady so the viewer doesn't feel sick!
- Share your work with your teacher, and send it to us on the Facebook group - search for **LitFilmFest Classrooms!**

## How to Write An Adventure Film: El Dorado Lesson 5

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**Today's lesson:** [youtu.be/dOM7luLE2jM](https://youtu.be/dOM7luLE2jM)

In today's lesson we learn from author Emma Rae about writing characters using metaphor.

### Tasks:

- Note down the ideas you hear about metaphors and similes in the video from Emma's writing.
- Write about your family or friends using metaphor - or go back over your script or filming from yesterday's El Dorado lesson. Could you add anything new in using metaphor?