

Writing Task Sample

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The next character by Pixar

If you were Pixar, what kind of character would you create in the next film? Write an article in about 180 words.

In real life, most people would **recoil** at encountering rats, and **balk** at the idea of letting one into the kitchen giving them orders. However, Pixar films such as Ratatouille, creates a **different** world where rats can cook and be friends with humans. In a way, it shows us a different version of **reality** where things that would normally be strange or unpleasant can be seen in a positive and creative way.

Pixar characters, the non-human ones in particular, display human **traits**. It is through their human traits that they explore human issues of friendship, kindness, and forgiveness.

There are, of course, **revolutionary** advances to the rigging and animating of characters which have made the films of this studio so **endearing** to audiences. In recent **releases**, characters move in even more realistic, **elastic** ways. Could you imagine a stiff, expressionless *Dory*? Thankfully, Pixar **relentlessly** strives to **bring** their characters **to life** and make them more **engaging** for us to watch.

If you allow me to indulge in my own Pixar fantasies, the character I would create would not be human. It would be a single cell **organism** named Wonk, living in **microbial** soup. It has to **assert** itself amongst the **arrogant, multicellular** life forms, and audiences would soon root for Wonk, who is kind of a loser, but a very likeable one.

What I am trying to say is that the true strength of Pixar lies in creating unlikely heroes and lovable **underdogs**. My Wonk would be top of that list.

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