Character Sketch Template

It’s okay if you don’t know all this yet—just fill in what you know so far. We’ll use this as a springboard for what we’ll do in the workshop, but we’ll also be digging in and developing your characters and you will discover these answers as we go.

X is a ___________________________ ___________________________ ____________________________
(key character descriptors/traits)

__________________________________________
(identify/situation)

who ________________________________
(desperate goal/longing)

because ____________________________________________________________________________
(motivation)

but ________________________________________________________________________________
(thing in the way)

But when ____________________________________________________________________________
(new situation)

she must ____________________________________________________________________________
(new response)

despite ______________________________________________________________________________
(obstacles, fears, challenges)

and she learns _________________________________________________________________________
(change from initial fears/wound)
Example: *The Hunger Games*

Katniss Everdeen is a **tough, practical, resourceful, determined** woman
(key character descriptors)

who is **the provider and caretaker for her family.**  
(identity/situation)

and **determined to ensure her family’s survival**  
(desperate goal/longing)

because she feels responsible for caring for her family and keeping them together once her dad dies and her mom falls apart  
(motivation)

but **struggles to keep them fed and safe in their oppressive society.**  
(thing in the way)

But when **her sister is chosen as a Hunger Games contestant,**  
(new situation)

she must **take Prim’s place and fight for survival to return to her family,**  
(new response)

despite **lack of strength/skill, inadequate weapons, the other contestants, fear, horns, hallucinogens, Snow, society, etc.**  
(obstacles, fears, challenges)

and she learns to **trust and rely on others (Haymitch, Rue, Peeta, etc.) and widens her perspective.**  
(change from initial fears/wound)