Writing an interview article for a young adult magazine

You are a journalist for a young adult magazine.

Your assignment is to interview a character in a novel that you have read and to write a 600-word article for inclusion in the next issue.

In preparation for the interview, you will need to draw up a series of questions that you will ask your character. These questions should seek to gain information about major events or themes in the novel, and explore the character’s perception of these events or themes. Questions about the character’s behaviour and motivation will also be important.

You will submit your list of questions with your completed article.

Once you have your list of questions you then become the interviewee. Draw on your knowledge of the novel to decide how your chosen character would respond to the questions.

Use the information you have gained from your interview to write your magazine article.

You will be assessed on the following criteria:
- your knowledge and understanding of the text
- your ability to adopt appropriate language and style for the audience and purpose
- the clarity and coherence of your written expression
- your ability to generate questions that explore perspectives
- your ability to synthesise and transform information into a magazine article format.

You are expected to use a suitable software program such as Publisher to prepare your article for publication including the headline, by-line, columns and photograph.