

Hikaru Tsukino Character Biography (One Page)

Hikaru Tsukino was born in the town of Taimuarō, one of roughly ten thousand residents. Hikaru's father runs a hardware store while her mother works at the library, and she is their oldest child. Eighteen years old, Hikaru was born in February and is a Year Three student at Epokku High School. While an eager student, Hikaru tends to spend too little time studying, resulting in having below-average grades in Math, History and English. Hikaru's interests include archaeology (being a member of her school's Archaeology Club), pop music, cooking and working with orphans.

Hikaru grew up with Yasu Fujimoto and as children the two were friends, but they drifted apart as they matured. While Yasu came to have a large crush on Hikaru she's remained oblivious to his feelings, as well as those of others who have shown interest. While somewhat intuitive, Hikaru's understanding of subtext tends to vanish when it comes to romance. Hikaru's primary focus is her work at Starlight Orphanage, where she often cooks, cleans and entertains the children. Due to her work primarily with kids under ten years old Hikaru has spent a bit less time around adults with more emotional complexity, and she herself tends to wear her heart on her sleeve. None the less while a kind and loving person Hikaru isn't above adventurism and breaking rules, as eager to have fun as anyone else.

Within the story of *Eternal Hour*, Yasu can bring her into events early on, as her more adventurous side can draw her into the plan to climb the fabled Epokkutawā, a local monument considered off limits. Regardless of her involvement, Hikaru does socialize with some of Yasu's mutual friends, and his own interest in History leads him to eventually offering to help her study. It's through a tutoring session with Yasu that Hikaru's frustration are revealed: she cannot make up her mind between wanting to pursue her interest in archaeology and her desire to care for the orphans for the rest of her life. Hikaru has in fact been self-sabotaging herself without even realizing it, feeling if she fails to get good grades her parents will have no choice but to accept her working at the orphanage and staying in town. Yasu can help Hikaru overcome her problem in a variety of ways, including helping her accept that she can help others while pursuing her passion, or, more dramatically, suggesting she marry someone who can provide her archaeological finds to examine while she cares for orphans. If Yasu suggests the marriage idea Hikaru will realize he'd be ideal for such a role as her husband, and then finally realize her own feelings for him.

Yasu and Hikaru can begin to date, Yasu later able to simply confess his feelings to her if she doesn't realize her own during tutoring. While together with Yasu Hikaru will admit she wonders if it was being his friend after his parents died that drew her to wanting to care for other orphans, which can put Yasu in a sensitive position. A jealous rival for Yasu's affection can also attempt to sabotage the relationship, and Hikaru's parents will disapprove of them dating if Hikaru's test scores didn't improve. Ultimately the success of the relationship depends upon getting Hikaru's parents to ultimately approve and her losing and doubts about her feelings for Yasu. Even if Yasu doesn't enter into a relationship with Hikaru however she will still come to appreciate him for helping her work on her studying, later naming a new baozi recipe she came up after him. Even if Yasu actually made Hikaru's testing skills worse she'll still hold this appreciation for Yasu as Hikaru appreciates the efforts of someone she knows doesn't need to help, owing in part to her own frequent volunteer work.