



CHARACTER SHEET

Creating a Character – That Has Character

(From Sally Lotz, Writing Fiction from Fact Workshop)

Use this sheet to create and develop characters that your readers will connect with – or love to hate.

BASICS

FULL Name of Character:

Age:

Sexual Orientation:

Married, Single, Divorced, Widows, Doesn't Care:

Race:

Religion:

Political Views

Hair – color, length, and texture:

Eye – color, lashes and brows:

Tattoos and Piercings

Scars:

What's their health like? Allergies?

Profession:

Religion:

Political Views:

Sport:

Active or not?

Likes and Dislikes

Favorite food:

Food they hate:

Favorite color:

Messy or neat?

Favorite song:

Favorite book or book genre:

Favorite movie:

Are they obsessed with someone or something – if so who or what?

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Relationships

Who is their best friend?

Do they have a lot of friends?

How big is their family?

Where do they fall in the family?

What's the relationship like with parents?

What's the relationship like with siblings?

Are they in a romantic relationship? How's it going?

Is your character introverted or extroverted?

Do they make friends easily?

How are they were they in school – did they get along well or were they an outsider?

PERSONALITY – Your Character’s Heart

Describe their personality – are they strong minded, mild tempered.

What causes your character shame?

Who does your character trust?

If your character could change one thing about themselves, what would it be?

What does your character lie about when they meet other people?

If your character could change one thing about themselves, what would it be?

What’s something no one else knows about your character?

What’s your character’s quirky habit?

DEEP STUFF

What is your character’s greatest weakness?

What is your character’s biggest fear?

What does your character need?

What is your character’s wound, or hole? (Something that happened in the past that affects their actions today).

What crisis or problem is your character in at the opening of the story (before the inciting incident or any other events occur)?

What is the inciting incident?

What underlying values does your character have that is in conflict?

Who are your character’s allies in the story?

What does your character consider success and failure?

What causes your character shame?

Who is trying to stop your character?

Write a few sentences about your character and how they handle confrontation.

Write a few sentences about your character and how they handle emergency situations.

Write a few sentences about your character and how they handle being cut off in traffic.

Write a few sentences about your character and how they handle bad service at a restaurant.

Write a few sentences about your character and how they behave at a concert of their favorite singer or band.



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