

# Create a Character Profile

## PART 1: THE OUTER LAYER

### THE BASICS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current location: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Income: \_\_\_\_\_

### PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_

Build: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing features (tattoos, scars, birthmarks)?

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Preferred outfit?

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Glasses? Contacts?

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Accessories (cane, pipe, necklace, etc.)?

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Grooming:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Disheveled               | <input type="checkbox"/> Untidy but clean       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smart, very put-together | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain: |
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Health? Does the character suffer from chronic illnesses?

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Handwriting (sloppy, neat, careful, unintelligible):

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Gait:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Confident, powerful strides | <input type="checkbox"/> Fast, walks at a clip          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lazy stroll                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Distracted, eyes on the ground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slow, purposeful            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain:         |
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## SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION

Style of speech (elevated, educated, peppered with slang, etc.)?

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Tempo of speech (rapid, slow, measured, drawl, etc.)?

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Does character have an accent?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Pitch (melodious, gravelly, deep, etc.)?

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Posture:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stiff, military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slouching          | <input type="checkbox"/> 'Turtle,' tired        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual and relaxed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain: |

Gesturing:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Expressive                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Compulsive "hand-talker."        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Only when agitated or eager | <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled, only to make a point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't gesture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain:           |

Level of eye contact (direct, shifty, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Speech impediments: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing speech "tics":

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Catchphrase(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Laughter? What does the character tend to find funny?

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Describe the character's smile? \_\_\_\_\_

Emotive? Does the character wear emotions on his/her sleeve? How easily can others read the character?

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Character has a "resting face" expression

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Angel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Intense                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devil   | <input type="checkbox"/> Confused               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain: |

## PART 2: THE FLESH

Definition: How your character is a product of his/her environment. Similar to: The character bio and backstory.

### THE PAST

Hometown:

Type of childhood (sheltered, neglected, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Was character involved in organizations and clubs at school? \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debate | <input type="checkbox"/> Beta                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain: |

At graduation, Character named **Most Likely To** \_\_\_\_\_

Jobs (if applicable)? What would the character's résumé look like?

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Dream job as a child? Why?

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Who were the character's role models growing up? Describe them:

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Greatest regret:

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Hobbies growing up:

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Favorite place to be as a child?

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If Character could change one thing from his/her past, what would it be? Why?

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Major turning points or "life beats" in childhood:

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Earliest memory:

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Saddest memory:

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happiest memory:

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Clearest memory:

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What is the character's skeletons in the closet?

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Three adjectives to describe the character as a child?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What advice would Character give to his/her younger self?

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Criminal record:

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## FAMILY

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Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if living): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe character's relationship with your character:

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Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if living): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe character's relationship with your character:

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Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

What are sibling names? Ages?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Briefly describe sibling's relationship(s) with your character:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Children (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

How many? \_\_\_\_\_

What are children names? Ages?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe sibling's relationship(s) with your character:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extended family: \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparents: \_\_\_\_\_

Uncles and aunts: \_\_\_\_\_

Cousins: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Family's economic status: \_\_\_\_\_

How often does character see his/her family in a year? \_\_\_\_\_

### EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

Closest friends? Describe them:

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Other significant friends:

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Enemies? Describe them:

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How is character perceived by...

Strangers in the street?

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Acquaintances at a work function?

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Colleagues in the office?

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Authority figures?

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Friends in his/her friend circles?

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Children?

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The opposite sex?

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Extended family?

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What social media platforms is character on?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Snapchat               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tumblr                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reddit    | <input type="checkbox"/> Reddit                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain: |

How would character use social media platforms?

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How would the character fill out his/her own online dating profile?

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What's the character's role in a group dynamic?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Hype man               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joker  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mooch                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? If so, explain: |

How quickly does the character respond to emails?

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Who Does character depend on for...

Practical advice?

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Mentoring?

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A wingman?

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Emotional support?

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Moral support?

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What does the character want from a relationship?

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Who would be character's ideal partner?

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Does character have a significant other? Describe him or her:

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How many people would attend character's funeral? \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 3: THE CORE

Definition: How your character is deep down. Similar to: A psych test.

### PSYCHOLOGY

What does the character do on rainy days?

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Is the character:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Street-smart | <input type="checkbox"/> Pessimist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book-smart   | <input type="checkbox"/> Introvert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optimist     | <input type="checkbox"/> Extrovert |

What is the character's favorite sound?

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Favorite place in the world?

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What secrets does the character keep? What is the character most afraid of people finding out?

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What does the character want the most?

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Biggest flaw:

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Biggest strength:

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Biggest fear:

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What is character's biggest accomplishment?

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What is the character's idea of perfect happiness?

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Does the character want to be remembered? What for?

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Favorite quote:

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How does the character approach...

Power?

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Ambition?

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Love?

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Change?

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What is the one object or possession that the character would rescue from his/her burning home?

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What (or who) bores the character?

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What makes the character angry?

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What does the character look for in a person?

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How strong is the character's moral compass? When, specifically, is the character willing to compromise his/her morals?

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List the last 10 books that Character read:

1. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Which fictional world would the character most wish to visit?

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If the character didn't have to sleep, what would the character do with the extra time?

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What are the character's pet peeves?

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If Character won the lottery, what would Character do?

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Describe the character's bucket list at the ages of:

15: \_\_\_\_\_ 30: \_\_\_\_\_  
20: \_\_\_\_\_ 40: \_\_\_\_\_

List the 10 songs that would occupy the character's *All-Time Most Played* playlist:

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| 1. Song: _____ | 6. Song: _____  |
| 2. Song: _____ | 7. Song: _____  |
| 3. Song: _____ | 8. Song: _____  |
| 4. Song: _____ | 9. Song: _____  |
| 5. Song: _____ | 10. Song: _____ |

What is the best compliment that someone ever paid the character?

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In an elevator, does the character push the elevator button more than once? Yes / No

What would the character want his/her tombstone to say?

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## THE PRESENT AND FUTURE

Story goal:

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Story motivation:

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