

## Basic Snapshot of Your Character

Character Name:

Age / gender / ethnicity:

Height / weight / body type:

Hair & eye color:

Distinguishing Marks (scars, tattoos):

Style of Dress:

Basic Personality type:

## Story Plot Considerations

Who is this character? What role will this character play in the story? Is this character's purpose for being included essential?

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What is this character's goal? (What does this character want?)

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What is the motivation driving this character to achieve this goal? Why does the character want or need to achieve this goal? What will happen if the character succeeds? What does he hope to gain? What are the consequences or what will happen if the character fails?

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Are the consequences of failure dire enough to keep the character focused on achieving the goal until the very end?

**How can the details below help or hinder the character as he pursues his goal? How does it affect the story plot?**

## Going Deeper into the Character Profile

Education:

Residence (neighborhood / type of home):

Job / Workplace:

Religion:

Favorite music or food?

Specific habits or quirks?

What is your character's most prized possession?

Hobbies / favorite past times or special skills?

Does this character have any pets?

Strengths (both external and internal):

Weaknesses (both external and internal):

What is this character's greatest hope?

What is this character's greatest fear? (Vulnerability?)

What are your character's biggest regrets? Past hurts or backstory wound?

Who are this character's friends or allies? And why? What do they have in common? What history do they have together? How does this affect the character or the story plot?

Who are this character's critics or foes? And why? What history do they have together? How does this affect the character or the story plot?

Does your character have a love interest?

Who are the members of this character's family? How do they impact this character or the story plot?

Does your character have any children?

Are there any family secrets?

Describe how other characters view this character. Is it different than how the character views himself?

What is your protagonist's 'character arc?' What can the protagonist do at the end of the story that he couldn't do at the beginning? How can you show this to the reader?

Do any of your other characters also 'grow' or change during the story? What is their character arc? How can you show this change to the reader at the end of the story?