

How To Build A Character

The best way to create a character is right from the start. Remember to put down as much as information as you can about your characters. Sometimes these details will not make it to the main story. But it is important that you know it.

The first part of the character building worksheet is much like those slam books we used to fill up as children. It will help give your character some dimensions.

Name:

Age:

Date of birth:

Zodiac Sign:

Physical description:

Biggest strength:

Greatest weakness

Favourite outfit:

Favourite colour:

Favourite book:

Favourite movie:

Favourite tv series:

Favourite song:

Idolizes:

Family:

Relationship with family:

Best friend:

Why:

Worst enemy:

Why:

Biggest dream:

Darkest nightmare:

Love interest:

Now in the next part we will be asking the tougher questions. Remember to give your protagonist one or two flaws. If he or she's flawless they'll be impossible to relate with. And you cannot hook readers to your story if the main character is someone they cannot relate to.

Remember when you wrote about your characters greatest weakness, here you are going to elaborate on it:

Now, write down the back story of how your character met their enemy and how they became enemies. Is the enemy and the antagonist the same? (Yes, enemies and antagonists can be two different people.)

If they are not the same, then who is the antagonist? What's their special connection with the protagonist and why?

Let's talk about the best friend and the love interest now. What's the relationship between the two and all three like?

And finally: what is it that this protagonist desperately wants? Who wants to help him? Who wants to harm him? Why?

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