

Writers Online character creation template

Section One: The Basics

Character name:

Age:

Role in story (ie, main, secondary, supporting)

Occupation:

Family:

Appearance at first glance:

How do they speak?

Basic need or want that will be fulfilled in the story:

Relationship history:

Character flaw:

Character strength:

Section Two: Character sketch

What do other people see of them?

What is important to them?

What was their childhood like?

Who are they close to?

What are they hiding?

What do they wear and why are they wearing it?

Significant moments that changed their life?

Who or what do they love most?

Who or what do they hate most?

What do they believe in?

What quirks do they have?

What is the most impressive thing about them?

What is the worst thing they have ever done?

Section Three: your character in your novel

What do they need to achieve in relation to your plot?

How can you show this?

What specific plot points and incidents need to be written?

Do they have any backstory related to your plot?

Do they have any backstory related to your themes?

How does their life relate to your book's themes?

What specific scenes and passages would exemplify this?

What changes in their personality and circumstances will be effected by the end of the novel?