

# Character Development Worksheet

## ***Basics:***

Character's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Character's nickname (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Significance of name and/or nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate and place \_\_\_\_\_

Current residence \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Income \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Physical Characteristics:***

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Does the character look/act their age? If not, why \_\_\_\_\_

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Race \_\_\_\_\_

Skin tone \_\_\_\_\_

Hair colour and style \_\_\_\_\_

Eye colour and shape \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Body type/build \_\_\_\_\_

Personal hygiene \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing style \_\_\_\_\_

Thing the character would most like to change about their appearance and why \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Character's favourite feature about themselves and why \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The character's most striking or memorable physical feature \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Personal Attitudes and Attributes:***

Morals and Values \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Religious beliefs \_\_\_\_\_

Talents/skills \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Likes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dislikes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Pet peeves \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phobias \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Favourite place in the world and why \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Darkest secret \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Greatest flaw \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best quality \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How does the character deal with anger \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

With sadness \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

With conflict \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

With change \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

With loss \_\_\_\_\_

What is the character most afraid of and why\_\_\_\_\_

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What do other people think of the character\_\_\_\_\_

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How does the character see themselves\_\_\_\_\_

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Is the character self-confident, shy, or a mixture\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the character in three words\_\_\_\_\_

How does the character solve problems: logic, instinct, emotion, or a combination\_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the character's attitude towards:

Family:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

School:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Work\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Authority:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The opposite sex:\_\_\_\_\_

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Friends:\_\_\_\_\_

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What is the character's short-term goal\_\_\_\_\_

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Long-term goal\_\_\_\_\_

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What does the character want more than anything else in the world? Why? What have they done, and what will they do, to obtain it\_\_\_\_\_

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Is the character working in their dream job? If not, why\_\_\_\_\_

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Philosophy of life (in a phrase)\_\_\_\_\_

What would most embarrass the character and why\_\_\_\_\_

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Most valued possession and why \_\_\_\_\_

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Mannerisms and Quirks \_\_\_\_\_

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Are they clean, messy, or a bit of both \_\_\_\_\_

Taste in music \_\_\_\_\_

Art \_\_\_\_\_

Books \_\_\_\_\_

TV \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

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Character's favourite colour and why \_\_\_\_\_

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Favourite foods \_\_\_\_\_

Most hated foods \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Relationships:***

(Who and describe the relationship)

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

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Father \_\_\_\_\_

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Siblings \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse/Lover \_\_\_\_\_

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Children \_\_\_\_\_  
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Friends \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Pets \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Significant Personal History:***

Upbringing—where and how \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Education—where and what \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Influenced in life by any particular person or event \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Their best memory \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Their worst memory \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thing they would most like to change about their past and why \_\_\_\_\_  
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