

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

NAME:

Character's Full Name: _____

Character's Nickname: _____

Reason or meaning of name: _____

Protagonist: Antagonist: Secondary:

TRAITS:

Defining Quality: _____

Opposite of that: _____

Secondary Quality: _____

Opposite of that: _____

Most Wants: _____

Opposite of that: _____

How can they want both at the same time? _____

What trait do they have that they want to keep secret from the world? _____

What reaction do you want readers to have to them? _____

Why should the reader care about them? _____

Good Characteristics: _____

Flaws: _____

Drives & Motivations: _____

INNER CONFLICT:

1 thing they would NEVER SAY: _____

1 thing they would NEVER DO: _____

1 thing they would NEVER THINK: _____

Find a way for them to say, think, and/or do those things.

What do they like most about their life? _____

What do they dislike most about their life? _____

What would they die to defend? _____

PERSONALITY:

Greatest Strength: _____

Greatest Weakness: _____

Soft Spot: _____

Is Soft Spot obvious to others? _____

If not, how do they hide it? _____

Biggest Vulnerability: _____

Optimist or Pessimist? _____

Introvert or Extrovert? _____

Talents: _____

Skills: _____

Mannerisms: _____

Peculiarities: _____

Biggest Regret: _____

Minor regret: _____

Biggest Accomplishment: _____

Minor Accomplishment: _____

Darkest Secret: _____

Does anyone know: _____

If yes, did they tell them? _____

If no, how did they find out: _____

APPEARANCE:

Predominant Feature: _____

Age: _____ How old do they appear? _____

Eye Color: _____ Glasses or contacts: _____

Hair Color: _____ Style: _____

Weight: _____ Height: _____

Type of Build/Body: _____

Skin Tone: _____ Skin Type: _____

Shape of Face: _____

Dist. Marks: _____

Freckles: _____ Moles: _____ Scars: _____

Looks like (celeb): _____

Healthy? _____

If not, why? _____

ATTITUDE:

Most at ease when: _____

Ill at ease when: _____

Priorities: _____

How do they feel about themselves? _____

Past failure they would be embarrassed for people to know: _____

Why? _____

One wish? _____

Why? _____

PLOT:

As the story begins, what is their main problem? _____

What does they do that makes this problem worse? _____

RELATIONSHIPS:

How do they feel about the opposite sex? _____

What is their relationship status? Single? Divorced? _____

Do they have children? _____

Who is their best friend? _____

Why? _____

Who is their worst enemy? _____

Why? _____

How would a former date describe them? _____

Who is this person's love interest? _____

What qualities in the main character are most attractive to this person? _____

What is their ideal happy ending? _____

FAVORITES*:

Color: _____ Least Fav. Color: _____

Why? _____

Music: _____

Least Fav. Music: _____

Why? _____

Food: _____

Literature: _____

Expressions: _____

Transportation: _____

HABITS*:

Drinks: _____ What? _____

When? _____ How Much? _____

Hobbies: _____

Expletives: _____

Daredevil or Cautious: _____

BACKGROUND*:

Hometown, State: _____

Type of Childhood: _____

First memory: _____

Most important childhood event that still affects them: _____

Why? _____

Education: _____

Finances: _____

Religion: _____

What one event has made their who they are today? _____

How does that turning point in the character's life relate to the main character in the story? _____

FAMILY*:

Mother: _____

Relationship? _____

Father: _____

Relationship? _____

Siblings: _____

How many? _____ Birth Order: _____

Relationship? _____

Relationship? _____

Extended family: _____

Close: _____

Why or Why Not? _____

LIFESTYLE*:

Where do they live? (Urban? Small town? Rural?) _____

Why did they choose to live there? _____

Do they live in an apartment? House? What type or style? Did they choose the residence, and why? _____

Do they live by themselves? With others? _____

What are their important material possessions? _____

What are their hobbies? _____

What is their education? _____

What is their job? _____

How do they feel about their work? _____

Is this a long-term career or just a job? _____

What do they want to be doing in 20 years? _____

If they have unexpected free time, what do they do? _____

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