

Directions:

Start your research! You won't get all of this done at once, so we'll be working on it over the next couple of weeks. Read through all of the questions to get an idea of the sorts of things that you should be thinking about as you research.

Research Log

You will use this document to collect information about your character.

Read through the questions to get an idea of the sorts of things that you should be looking for while researching.

Answer the questions as you find relevant information.

- 1. First, write the information that seems to be relevant to the question.*
- 2. Copy and paste **a link** to the source of that information. (There may be one source that you use. Put in all of them.)*
- 3. Then, try to write a response to the question in the voice of your character.*

TIPS:

- Read through the entire list of questions before you type anything. This will give you an idea of the sorts of things you should be looking for while researching.

- **SKIP AROUND!!** Don't try to answer all of these in order! DO NOT GET HUNG UP ON ANY ONE QUESTION.

- **REVISE FREQUENTLY.** You will be spending a lot of time with this project, and your understanding will grow as you learn more. You should add to your answers and/or revise them as you learn more information. (This is a "living document." Don't just answer something and move on. Always be thinking about how you could improve it.)

- **Remember:** Some of these are questions that you will not be able to find answers to. In some cases, you'll have to use what you've learned, along with your imagination, in order to make an educated guess.

Part 1: The Basics (answer as many as you can)

1. What is your full name?
2. Where and when were you born?
3. Who are/were your parents? (Know their names, occupations, personalities, etc.)
4. Do you have any siblings? What are/were they like?
5. Where do you live now and with whom? Describe the place and the person/people.
6. What is your occupation?
7. Write a full physical description of yourself. You might want to consider factors such as: height; weight; race; hair and eye color; style of dress and any tattoos, scars, or distinguishing marks.
8. To which social class do you belong?
9. Do you have any allergies, diseases, or other physical weaknesses?
10. What does your voice sound like?

11. What words and/or phrases do you use very frequently?

12. What do you have in your pockets?

13. Do you have any quirks, strange mannerisms, annoying habits, or other defining characteristics?

Part 2: Growing Up

14. How would you describe your childhood in general?

15. What is your earliest memory?

16. How much schooling have you had?

17. Did you enjoy school?

18. Where did you learn most of your skills and other abilities?

19. While growing up did you have any role models? If so, describe them.

20. While growing up how did you get along with the other members of your family?

Part 3: Past Influences

21. What do you consider the most important event of your life?

22. Who has had the most influence on you?

23. What do you consider your greatest achievement?

24. What is your greatest regret?

25. What is the most evil thing you have ever done?

26. Do you have a criminal record of any kind?

27. When was the time you were the most frightened?

28. If you could change one thing from your past, what would it be and why?

29. What is your best memory?

30. What is your worst memory?

Part 4: Beliefs and Opinions

31. Are you basically optimistic or pessimistic?

32. What is your greatest fear?

33. What are your religious views?

34. What are your political views? Where would you be on today's political spectrum?

35. Are you able to kill? Under what circumstances do you find killing to be acceptable or unacceptable?

36. In your opinion what is the most evil thing any human being could do?

37. What do you believe makes a successful life?

38. How honest are you about your thoughts and feelings (i.e. do you hide your true self from others and in what way)?

39. Do you have any biases or prejudices?

40. Is there anything you absolutely refuse to do under any circumstances? Why do you refuse to do it?

41. Who or what (if anything) would you die for, or otherwise go to extremes for?

Part 5: Relationships with Others

42. In general, how do you treat others (politely, rudely, by keeping them at a distance,

etc.)? Does your treatment of them change depending on how well you know them, and if so, how?

43. Who is the most important person in your life, and why?

44. Who is the person you respect the most and why?

45. Who are your friends? Do you have a best friend? Describe these people.

46. Do you have a spouse or significant other? If so, describe this person.

47. Have you ever been in love? If so, describe what happened.

48. How close are you to your family?

49. Have you started your own family? If so, describe them. If not, do you want to? Why or why not?

50. Who would you turn to if you were in desperate need of help?

51. Do you trust anyone to protect you? Who and why?

52. If you died or went missing, who would miss you?

53. Who is the person you despise the most, and why?

54. Do you tend to argue with people, or avoid conflict?

55. Do you tend to take on leadership roles in social situations?

56. Do you like interacting with large groups of people? Why or why not?

57. Do you care what others think of you?

Part 6: Likes And Dislikes

58. What is/are your favorite hobbies and pastimes?

59. What is your most treasured possession?

60. What, if anything, do you like to read?

61. What is your idea of good entertainment (consider music, movies, art, etc.)?

62. Do you smoke, drink, or use drugs? If so, why? Do you want to quit?

63. What makes you laugh?

64. What (if anything) shocks or offends you?

65. What would you do if you had insomnia and had to find something to do to amuse yourself?

66. How do you deal with stress?

67. Are you spontaneous or do you always need to have a plan?

68. What are your pet peeves?

Part 7: Self Image

69. Describe the routine of a normal day for you. How do you feel when this routine is disrupted?

70. What is your greatest strength as a person?

71. What is your greatest weakness?

72. If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?

73. Are you generally introverted or extroverted?

74. Are you generally organized or messy?

75. Name three things you consider yourself to be very good at, and three things you consider yourself to be very bad at.

76. Do you like yourself?

77. What goal do you most want to accomplish in your lifetime?

78. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

79. If you could choose, how would you want to die?

80. If you knew you were going to die in 24 hours, name three things you would do in the time you had left.

81. What is the one thing for which you would most like to be remembered after your death?

82. What three words best describe your personality?

83. What three words would others probably use to describe you?