

CHARACTER CHART

Date this chart was completed:

Character's Full Name:

Reason or meaning of name:

Nickname:

Reason for nickname:

Birth date:

Astrological Sign:

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

Age:

How old does s/he appear?

Eye Color:

Glasses or contacts:

Weight:

Height:

Type of body/build:

Skin tone:

Skin type:

Shape of face:

Distinguishing Marks:

Predominant feature:

Hair color:

Distinguishable hair feature (bald,
receding hairline, etc.):

Type of hair (coarse, fine, thick, etc?)

Character's typical hairstyle:

Looks like:

Is s/he healthy?

If not, why not:

Physical disabilities:

FAVORITES:

Character's favorite color:

Character's least favorite color:

Why?

Favorite Music:

Least favorite Music:

Why?

Food:

Literature:

Expressions:

Expletives:

Mode of transportation:

Daredevil or cautious?

Same when alone?

HABITS:

Smokes:

What?

When and how much?

Drinks:

What?

When and how much?

Hobbies:

How does character spend a rainy day?

BACKGROUND:

Hometown:

Type of childhood:

First memory:

Most important childhood event that still affects him/her:

Why?

Education:

Religion:

Finances:

FAMILY:

Mother:

Relationship with her:

Father:

Relationship with him:

Siblings:

How many?

Birth order:

Relationship with each:

Children of siblings:

Extended family?

Close?

Why or why not?

OCCUPATION

Where does Character work?

For how long?

How does s/he feel about co-workers?

Get along with co-workers?

Like his/her job?

Why or why

not?

Character's dream job:

ATTITUDE:

Character's greatest fear:

Why?

What is the worst thing that could happen to him/her?

What single event would most throw character's life in complete turmoil?

Why?

Character is most at ease when:

Most ill at ease when:

Depressive or SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder)?

Priorities:

Philosophy:

How s/he feels about self:

Past failure s/he would be embarrassed to have people know about:

Why?

If granted one wish, what would it be? Why?

PERSONALITY:

Greatest source of strength in character's personality (whether s/he sees it as such or not):

Greatest source of weakness in character's personality (whether s/he sees it as such or not):

Character's soft spot:

Is this soft spot obvious to others?

If not, how does character hide it?

Biggest vulnerability:

Which of the 7 deadly sins does your character fight (or give into, willingly or not)?

(lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, pride)

Which of the 7 virtues does your character have (or fight against)?
(*chastity, abstinence, liberality, diligence, patience, kindness, humility*)

TRAITS:

Optimist or pessimist: Why?
Introvert or extrovert: Why?
Drives and motivations:
Talents:
Extremely skilled at:
Extremely unskilled at:
Good characteristics:
Character flaws:
Mannerisms:
Peculiarities:
Biggest regret:
Minor regrets:
Biggest accomplishment:
Minor accomplishments:
Character's darkest secret:
 Does anyone else know?
 If yes, did character tell them?
 If no, how did they find out?

SELF-PERCEPTION:

One word CHARACTER would use to describe self:
One paragraph description of how CHARACTER would describe self:
What does CHARACTER consider best physical characteristic?
What does CHARACTER consider worst physical characteristic?
 Are these realistic assessments?
 If not, why not?
How CHARACTER thinks others perceive him/her:
What four things would CHARACTER most like to change about self? (#1 most important, #2 second most important, etc.)
 1.
 2.
 3.
 4.
 Why?
If change #1 was made, would character be as happy as s/he thinks?
 If not, why not?

INTERRELATION WITH OTHERS:

Is character divorced?
Has character ever cheated on significant other?
How does character relate to others?
How is s/he perceived by...
 Strangers?
 Friends?
 Wife/Husband/Lover?
 Hero/Heroine?
How does character view hero/heroine?
 First impression: Why?

What happens to change this perception?
What do family/friends like most about character?
What do family/friends like least about character?

GOALS:

Immediate goals:
Long-range goals:
How does character plan to accomplish these goals?
How will other characters be affected?

PROBLEMS/CRISIS:

How character reacts in a crisis:
How character faces problems:
Kinds of problems character usually runs into:
How character reacts to NEW problems:
How character reacts to change:

GENERAL:

Favorite clothing: Why?
Least favorite clothing: Why?
Jewelry:
Other accessories:
Drives:
Where does character live?
Where does character want to live?
Spending habits (frugal, spendthrift, etc): Why?
What does s/he do too much of?
Too little of?
Most prized possession: Why?
Play musical instrument? Which?

How did s/he learn?

UNCATEGORIZED:

Person character secretly admires:
Why?
Person character was most influenced by:
Why?
Most important person in character's life before story starts:
Why?
How does character spend the week before the story starts?