

***\*Use the first page of this document to review information on characters, then fill out the character questionnaires below about the characters you will create for YOUR NaNoWriMo novel.***

**Protagonist:** The character with the starring role in your book. In most novels, the protagonist is on a journey to get whatever he/she wants most in life, whether it's fame, revenge, money, or something more elusive, like overcoming poverty or a disease.

**Supporting Characters:** They have an important role in the protagonist's life. They may be present throughout the entire novel, or only part of it. They can be friends, relatives, love interests, you name it. Sometimes the adventures of the supporting characters add more excitement to the novel.

**Physical Antagonist:** A living, breathing character that is standing in the way of the protagonist achieving his/her goal. They don't have to be villains, they may simply be jealous, misunderstood, or have a conflicting set of goals. Then again, some antagonists are just plain evil!

**-or-**

**Abstract Antagonist:** Sometimes the antagonist, or the force working against the protagonist, is not a person at all. Rather, it may be illness, grief, or a corrupt government. Think of it this way, if your novel's antagonist cannot physically kick your protagonist in the knee, it's probably an abstract antagonist.

Physical Antagonist	Abstract Antagonist
A racist or intolerant character	Racism or intolerance in a whole community
The protagonist's evil boss	A corrupt corporation or company
A character who tries to infect the protagonist with a disease	Disease/illness in general
A character who forces the protagonist to battle nature (i.e. leaves them stranded in the woods)	Nature itself (like a natural disaster or extreme climate)

# Character Questionnaire

Fill out these questionnaires about your characters. Fill out a questionnaire for AT LEAST your protagonist, antagonist, and one supporting character. If you have time, fill out questionnaires for more supporting characters.

## Protagonist

1. **Protagonist's name:**
2. Age:
3. Physical appearance:
4. Strange or unique things about the way they look:
5. Favorite clothing style/outfit:
6. Where does he or she live? What is it like there?
7. Things about his or her appearance he or she would most like to change:
8. Hobbies/interests:
9. Special skills/abilities:
10. Insecurities:
11. Quirks/eccentricities (unusual things that make them unique):
12. Temperament (easygoing, easily angered, etc.):
13. Things that upset him or her:
14. Things that embarrass him or her:
15. Any phobias (fears)?
16. Things that make him or her happy:
17. Family (describe):
18. Deepest, darkest secret:
19. Reason he or she kept this secret for so long:
20. Other people's opinions of this character (What do people like about this character? What do they dislike about this character?):
21. Favorite foods:
22. Description of his or her house:
23. Description of his or her bedroom:
24. Any pets?
25. Three words to describe this character:

## First supporting character

1. **Supporting character's name:**
2. Age:
3. Physical appearance:

4. Strange or unique things about the way they look:
5. Favorite clothing style/outfit:
6. Where does he or she live? What is it like there?
7. Things about his or her appearance he or she would most like to change:
8. Hobbies/interests:
9. Special skills/abilities:
10. Insecurities:
11. Quirks/eccentricities (unusual things that make them unique):
12. Temperament (easygoing, easily angered, etc.):
13. Things that upset him or her:
14. Things that embarrass him or her:
15. Any phobias (fears)?
16. Things that make him or her happy:
17. Family (describe):
18. Deepest, darkest secret:
19. Reason he or she kept this secret for so long:
20. Other people's opinions of this character (What do people like about this character? What do they dislike about this character?):
21. Favorite foods:
22. Description of his or her house:
23. Description of his or her bedroom:
24. Any pets?
25. Three words to describe this character:
26. Relationship to the protagonist:
27. Favorite thing about the protagonist:
28. Similarities to protagonist:
29. Differences from protagonist:

## Physical Antagonist

1. **Antagonist's name:**
2. Age:
3. Physical appearance:
4. Strange or unique things about the way they look:
5. Favorite clothing style/outfit:
6. Where does he or she live? What is it like there?
7. Things about his or her appearance he or she would most like to change:
8. Hobbies/interests:
9. Special skills/abilities:
10. Insecurities:
11. Quirks/eccentricities (unusual things that make them unique):
12. Temperament (easygoing, easily angered, etc.):

13. Things that upset him or her:
14. Things that embarrass him or her:
15. Any phobias (fears)?
16. Things that make him or her happy:
17. Family (describe):
18. Deepest, darkest secret:
19. Reason he or she kept this secret for so long:
20. Other people's opinions of this character (What do people like about this character? What do they dislike about this character?):
21. Favorite foods:
22. Description of his or her house:
23. Description of his or her bedroom:
24. Any pets?
25. Three words to describe this character:
26. Why is he or she facing off against the protagonist?
27. Any likeable traits?
28. Weaknesses:

## Abstract Antagonist

1. What is your abstract antagonist? Is it a disease like cancer, a social ill like poverty, or something larger than life, like grief?
2. How is this antagonist affecting the protagonist?
3. Do other characters notice? How does this antagonist affect the other people in your novel?