# **Basic Character Questions**

- 1. First name?
- 2. Surname?
- 3. Date of birth?
- 4. Age?

# **Appearance**

- 1. Type of clothes?
- 2. How do they wear their clothes?
- 3. Species?
- 4. Mannerisms?
- 5. Are they in good health?
- 6. Do they have any disabilities?

# **Personality**

- 1. What words or phrases do they overuse?
- 2. Do they have a catchphrase?
- 3. Are they more optimistic or pessimistic?
- 4. Are they introverted or extroverted?
- 5. Do they ever put on airs?
- 6. What bad habits do they have?
- 7. What makes them laugh out loud?
- 8. How do they display affection?
- 9. How do they want to be seen by others?
- 10. How do they see themselves?
- 11. How are they seen by others?
- 12. Strongest character trait?
- 13. Weakest character trait?
- 14. How competitive are they?
- 15. Do they make snap judgements or take time to consider?
- 16. How do they react to praise?

- 17. How do they react to criticism?
- 18. What is their greatest fear?
- 19. What are their biggest secrets?
- 20. What is their philosophy of life?
- 21. When was the last time they cried?
- 22. What haunts them?
- 23. What will they stand up for?
- 24. Are they indoorsy or outdoorsy?
- 25. What is their sinful little habit?
- 26. What sense do they most rely on?
- 27. How do they treat people better than them?
- 28. How do they treat people worse than them?
- 29. What quality do they most value in a friend?
- 30. What do they consider an overrated virtue?
- 31. If they could change one thing about themselves, what would it be?
- 32. What is their obsession?
- 33. What are their pet peeves?
- 34. What are their idiosyncrasies?

### Friends and Family

- 1. Is their family big or small? Who does it consist of?
- 2. What is their perception of family?
- 3. Do they have siblings? Older or younger?
- 4. Describe their best friend.
- 5. Ideal best friend?
- 6. Describe their other friends.
- 7. Do they have any pets?

#### **Past and Future**

- 1. What was your character like as a baby? As a child?
- 2. Did they grow up rich or poor?

- 3. Did they grow up nurtured or neglected?
- 4. What is their greatest achievement?
- 5. What was their first kiss like, if they've had it?
- 6. What is the worst thing they did to someone they loved?
- 7. What are their ambitions?
- 8. What advice would they give their younger self?
- 9. What smells remind them of their childhood?
- 10. What was their childhood ambition?
- 11. What is their best childhood memory?
- 12. What is their worst childhood memory?
- 13. Did they have an imaginary childhood friend?
- 14. When was the last time they were crushed with disappointment?
- 15. What past act are they most ashamed of?
- 16. What past act are they most proud of?
- 17. Has anyone ever saved their life?
- 18. Strongest childhood memory?

#### Love

- 1. Do they believe in love at first sight?
- 2. Are they in a relationship?
- 3. How do they behave in a relationship?
- 4. Has your character ever been in love?
- 5. Have they ever had their heart broken?

#### **Conflict**

- 1. How do they respond to a threat?
- 2. Are they most likely to fight with their fists or their tongue?
- 3. What is your character's kryptonite?
- 4. If your character could only save one thing from their burning house, what would it be?
- 5. How do they perceive strangers?
- 6. What do they love to hate?

- 7. What are their phobias?
- 8. What is their choice of weapon?
- 9. What living person do they most despise?
- 10. Have they ever been bullied or teased?
- 11. Where do they go when they're angry?
- 12. Who are their enemies and why?

## Work, Education, and Hobbies

- 1. What is their current job?
- 2. What do they think about their current job?
- 3. What are some of their past jobs?
- 4. What are their hobbies?
- 5. Educational background?
- 6. Intelligence level?
- 7. Do they have any specialist training?
- 8. Do they have a natural talent for something?
- 9. Do they play a sport? Are they any good?
- 10. What is their socioeconomic status?

### **Favorites**

- 1. What is their favorite animal?
- 2. Which animal do they dislike the most?
- 3. What place would they most like to visit?
- 4. What is the most beautiful thing they've ever seen?
- 5. What is their favorite song?
- 6. Music, art, reading preferred?
- 7. What is their favorite color?
- 8. What is their password?
- 9. Favorite food?
- 10. What is their favorite day of the week?

#### **Possessions**

- 1. What is on their bedside table?
- 2. What is in their purse or wallet?
- 3. What is in their pockets?
- 4. What is their most treasured possession?

# **Spirituality**

- 1. Who or what is your character's guardian angel?
- 2. Do they believe in the afterlife?
- 3. What are their religious views?
- 4. What do they think heaven is?
- 5. What do they think hell is?
- 6. Are they superstitious?
- 7. How would they like to die?
- 8. What is your character's spirit animal?
- 9. What is their zodiac sign?

#### **Values**

- 1. What do they think is the worst thing that can be done to a person?
- 2. What is their view of 'freedom'?
- 3. When did they last lie?
- 4. What's their view of lying?
- 5. When did they last make a promise?
- 6. Did they keep or break their last promise?

## Daily life

- 1. What are their eating habits?
- 2. Do they have any allergies?
- 3. Describe their home.
- 4. Are they minimalist or a clutter hoarder?
- 5. What do they do first thing on a weekday morning?
- 6. What do they do on a Sunday afternoon?

- 7. What do they do on a Friday night?
- 8. What is the soft drink of choice?
- 9. What is their alcoholic drink of choice?

# Miscellaneous

- 1. What is their <u>character archetype</u>?
- 2. Who is their hero?
- 3. Are they comfortable with magic?
- 4. If they could save one person, who would it be?
- 5. If they could call one person for help, who would it be?
- 6. What is their greatest regret?
- 7. What is their perception of redemption?
- 8. What is their favorite fairytale?
- 9. What fairytale do they hate?
- 10. Do they believe in happy endings?
- 11. What is their idea of perfect happiness?
- 12. What would they ask a fortune teller?
- 13. If your character could travel through time, where would they go?