1. WELCOME TO DND

- a. If you want to see a really great team play through, Critical Role is great. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-p9lWlhcLQ
- b. Want a goofy way to find a class? Look up A CRAP GUIDE to DND on youtube
 - i. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00EvO-X6Wu4&list=PLDnRMnDDjAz https://watch.com/watch?v=00EvO-X6Wu4&list=PLDnRMnDDjAz <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00EvO-X6Wu4&list=PLDnRMnDDjAz <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0
- c. Want a 5 minute good guide from professionals? (The critical role group) They have a playlist with 5 minutes on everything from what is a skill to how do you make a saving throw to class to race. A few slight differences since they play 5th edition, but 99% the same. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1tiwbzkOiQyr6-qqJ8r29j_rJkR49uDN
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- d. Don't want to download the PDF? Here is a good website with the books: Races
- 2. Go to this site so you can organize your character:
 - a. This might look overwhelming, but it is the most organized way to keep track of your character, weapons, equipment, etc. Please open: <u>Copy ME Pathfinder</u> <u>Character Template</u>
 - b. Make a copy for your own drive, but please share it with me. I will help keep everyone's character organized and maybe give secret benefits and hints through your individual character's page if needed. ***WE WILL NOT NEED TO COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE SHEET IN ONE GO.*** This is set up so you can use it all the way through level 20 and manage abilities, feats, spells, etc quickly and easily so we don't waste time looking up stats every turn, and plan out how you want to level to make it easy to level up in-game if/when possible
 - c. If that is super overwhelming, this is a more <u>basic sheet</u>, but it doesn't allow as much planning and is harder to manage changing stats during the game. It may be easy to follow to set up initially and I can help you convert to the other sheet.
 - d. If you already know what class you want to be and want a specific character sheet, go here and click your class. Same thing, please share your sheet with me so I can manage the campaign.
 - e. If my layout of how to build your character is confusing, this is also a good guide: <u>DND BEYOND</u>
- 3. Choose your race. I have listed a BASIC guide to the basic races, but if you would like an advanced race, you can look through the advanced race book in the google drive or at this link: https://aonprd.com/Races.aspx (a minimalist introduction to all races)
 - a. Dwarves: no size penalty, base speed 20 ft, darkvision (60ft), proficient with battleaxe, heavy picks, warhammers
 - Elf: no size penalty, base speed 30 ft, low light vision (double), +2 on spellcasting, profiecient with longbows, composite bows, longswords, rapiers, shortbows, composite short bows
 - c. Gnome: small size gives +1 armor, +1 attack, -1 maneuver bonus and defense, +4 stealth, base speed 20ft, low light vision, +1 to illusion spells, gain extra spells for high charisma scores, +1 against reptilians and goblins, no special weapons

- d. Half-elf: +2 to ability of your choice, no size penalty, base speed 30 ft, low light vision, immune to magical sleep, +2 perception, no special weapons
- e. Half-Orc: +2 to one ability of your choice, no size penalty, base speed 30 ft, darkvision (60ft), +2 intimidate, proficient with greataxes and falchions
- f. Halflings: +2 dex, +2 Charisma, -2 Strength, +1 to armor, +1 attack, -1 maneuver bonus and defense, +4 stealth, base speed 20ft, +2 perception, +2 acrobatics and climb, proficient with slings
- g. Humans: +2 ability of your choice, no size penalties, base speed 30 ft, extra feat (ability), extra skill rank at each level
- 4. Choose your class. I have listed a BASIC guide to the basic classes, but the advanced classes are available on google drive or the link below (a minimalist introduction to all classes). There are a lot of things involved in each class, so pick one or two you are interested in and I can walk you through it. These also affect your alignment. https://aonprd.com/Classes.aspx
 - a. https://rpgbot.net/pathfinder/characters/classes/. This is a good guide on how to optimize the class you choose.
 - b. Barbarian: any non-lawful alignment, barbarians are professional warriors, they use rage to rush forward and do damage. This is a melee style class, any weapon.
 - c. Bard: any alignment, bards can confound/daze foes and boost abilities of the team. These will not be in the middle of the fight, but to the side, any simple weapon plus longsword, rapier, sap, shortsword, shortbow, whip. Uses spells/magic songs to affect battle.
 - d. Cleric: must align with your deity of choice, use magic to wound, aid, and heal. Can worship a deity or a concept like battle, death, justice, knowledge, etc., all simple weapons plus the weapon of their deity. Cleric Deities start on page 42. Literally all types. Typically ranged, but possibly melee depending on weapon.
 - e. Druid: any neutral alignment, can transform into an animal to fight or call upon nature and animals to aid in battles, club, dagger, dart, quarterstaff, scimitar, scythe, sickle, shortspear, sling, spear, natural attacks (bite, claw,etc). Also uses driud magic to aid in battle, can bond with a type of nature or bond with a companion animal that will help you fight. Both ranged and melee.
 - f. Fighter: any alignment, proficient with all simple and martial (advanced) weapons. No magic. Both ranged and melee.
 - g. Monk: Any lawful alignment, skilled melee combatants, club, crossbow, dagger, handaxe, javelin, kama, shortspear, nunchaku, squarterstaff, sai, shortspear, short sword, shuriken, siangam, sling, spear, no armor.
 - h. Paladin: only lawful good, only serve good deities, strong melee combatants, proficient with all simple and martial weapons, all armor, and all shields. Has "mercies" he can perform that will help remove fatigue, shaken, sickened, dazed, diseased, staggered states, at 4th level you have limited spells. At 5th level gain a spirit for your weapon or a mount that can help fight

- i. Ranger: any alignment, great trackers, trap makers, melee and ranged fighters, proficient with all simple and martial weapons, pick a favorite enemy to gain +2 bluff, knowledge, perception, sense motive, survival, weapon attack and damage rolls, every 5 levels add another favored enemy, also better at running through terrain variations
- j. Rogue: any alignment, use stealth to attack at close range, disable traps, unlock doors, etc., proficient with all simple weapons, hand crossbow, rapier, sap, shortbow, and short sword. Ranged or "melee" when in stealth mode
- k. Sorcerer: any alignment, ranged fighting, use spells to fight, gain extra abilities based on the bloodline you derive your magic from. Bloodlines start on page 73. Proficent with all simple weapons, no armor, no shields.
- Wizard: use magic to aid in battle (ranged), proficient with clubm dagger, heavy crossbow, light crossbow, and quarterstaff. Must prepare spells ahead of time.
 Must select a "school" starting on page 80, choose a familiar to aid in spellcasting (pg 83)

5. Determine Starting Hit Points (HP)

A character starts with maximum hit points at 1st level (the maximum number on its Hit Die) or if its first Hit Die roll is for a character class level.

To determine a hit points for levels beyond 1st, roll the dice indicated by its Hit Dice. Creatures whose first Hit Die comes from an NPC class or from his race roll their first Hit Die normally.

Class	HD
Alchemist	d8
Barbarian	d12
<u>Bard</u>	d8
Cavalier	d10
Cleric	d8
<u>Druid</u>	d8
<u>Fighter</u>	d10
Gunslinger	d10
Inquisitor	d8

Magus	d8
Monk	d8
<u>Ninja</u>	d8
<u>Oracle</u>	d8
<u>Paladin</u>	d10
Ranger	d10
Rogue	d8
<u>Samurai</u>	d10
Sorcerer	d6
Summoner	d8
Witch	d6
Wizard	d6

6. Select Alignment

- a. 1st: Evil, Neutral, Good
- b. 2nd: Chaotic, Neutral, Lawful
- c. Look up a chart if you don't know what to do



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7. Ability Scores

- a. Roll 4 d6 (4 standard dice). Add the 3 highest numbers together and mark this down
- b. Repeat until you have 6 numbers
- c. Assign the numbers to ability scores. This is on the "Main" tab at the top. You will replace the numbers that are there. Look at your class to determine which abilities are most important. Bards need charisma, barbarians need strength, ninjas need dexterity, etc. If you have a question, ask me:)

Abilities	Total	Base	Per m Enh.	Per m Misc	Leve I Up	Per m Mod
Str:	18	18			0	4
Dex:	10	10			0	0
Con:	10	10			0	0
Int:	13	10			3	1
Wis:	6	6			0	-2
Cha:	10	10			0	0

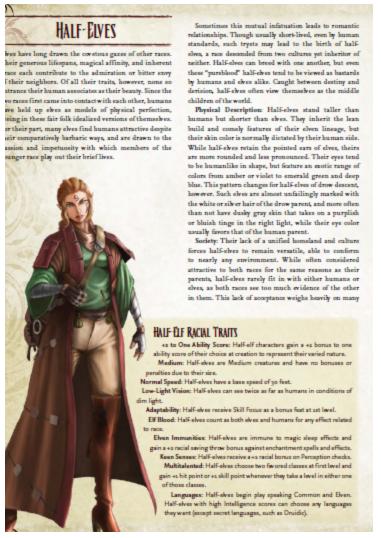
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- d. http://www.brockjones.com/dieroller/dice.htm This is a really handy online dice roller and you can even save rolls, so if you know that attacking with your warhammer always has these modifiers, save it and you can roll without pausing to add every time.
- e. Here is a good chart to calculate your BASE MODIFIERS. So a DEX of 15 has a +2 modifier

Ability					Bonu	s Spells p	er Day (by	Spell Level)			
Score	Modifier	0	ıst	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	oth
1	-5				Can't o	ast spells	tied to this	ability			3/13/
2-3	-4				Can't o	ast spells	tied to this	ability			Year
4-5	-3				Can't o	ast spells	tied to this	ability	1641	4 48 38	
6-7	-2				Can't o	ast spells	tied to this	ability			
8-9	-1				Can't o	ast spells	tied to this	ability			
10-11	0	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	-	_
12-13	+1	_	1	_	_			_	-	-	- 3
14-15	+2		1	1		_		- 17	-	-	1 100
16-17	+3	_	1	1	1	_	_	_	_	1000	1971
18-19	+4	_	1	1	1	1	_	_	_	1917 - W	-
20-21	+5	_	2	1	1	1	1		0-00		10
22-23	+6	_	2	2	1	1	1	1	_		/A-1
24-25	+7	_	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0 -5 3	N-2
26-27	+8	_	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	
28-29	+9	_	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
30-31	+10	_	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
32-33	+11	- 1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1
34-35	+12		3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1
36-37	+13	_	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
38-39	+14	_	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
40-41	+15	_	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2
42-43	+16	-	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2
44-45	+17	_	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3

8. Double check your race and class to check for **modifiers**, this will be in the Core Players Guide or the Advanced Race Guide. You can fill these out in the modifiers columns!

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- The Race Traits are free benefits you get from selecting the race. In the ADVANCE RACES GUIDE there are more specific abilities for all races (core and extra)
- c. The ADVANCED CLASS GUIDE has extra **traits** that your race/class combo can give you as a free bonus under the section "Racial Favored Class Options" Not all race/class combos have these perks
- d. These will get put in your "Racial Features and Traits" on the ABILITIES tab

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ii. It is also useful to put anything that gives you a MODIFIER on the "MAIN" page on the right side where it says "Racial Ability" For easy reminders, as well as making it easy for me to double check that the modifers get added onto the main page in the right columns. Some modifiers are used all the time, while some will be dependent on what or who attacks you, or what you are trying to do!

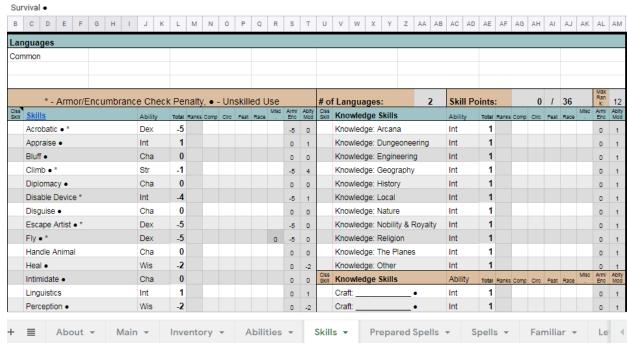
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6	Dex	:	10	10			0	0								0	Dam	age:		0									Climb	o:		5	1	0	5
7	Con	:	10	10			0	0								0	Nonl	etha	l:	0			Stat	tus:	F	eelin	' Fir	ne!	Swim		!	5	1	0	5
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13	Ref:		4	4	0												Spell	Resi	stan	ce:			Res	ist (Li	ghtn	ing):			Class	Pow	ver 5				
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- 9. Check your race and class to see your **SKILLS**. These can be seen in the ADVANCED RACE GUIDE and the CORE PLAYERS GUIDE (class). If you selected a specialized class from the ADVANCED CLASS GUIDE, there may be specialized skills there as well.
 - a. You can add ranks to your skills which helps you perform these skills better. The number is determined by your class skill ranks plus your intelligence modifier on the chart below As you can see, if it is a CLASS skill, then you have additional bonuses on those actions

Class	Skill Ranks per Level
Barbarian	4 + Int modifier
Bard	6 + <u>Int</u> modifier
Cleric	2 + <u>Int</u> modifier
Druid	4 + Int modifier
Fighter	2 + Int modifier
Monk	4 + Int modifier
Paladin	2 + Int modifier
Ranger	6 + Int modifier
-	8 + Int modifier
Rogue	o + IIIL Mourrier
Rogue Sorcerer	2 + Int modifier
Sorcerer Wizard	2 + Int modifier 2 + Int modifier
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Sorcerer Wizard TABLE 4-2: SKILI skill	2 + Int modifier 2 + Int modifier CHECK BONUSES Skill Check is Equal To* 1d20 + ability modifier + racial

- c. You cannot have more ranks in a skill than your level. We are all starting at level 1, so no more than one rank in each skill (for now)
- d. If you are unsure what skills will be useful, ask:) Also, look for ones that make sense for your character. A thief needs lockpicking or sleight of hand, but probably not disable device. Diplomacy, sleight of hand, and sense motive are always useful if you have a skill point to spare.
- e. **LANGUAGES**: You know your race's base languages plus one language for every intelligence modifier point. Base languages are found on the page describing your race!
- f. **SKILLS** is a separate tab!



- 10. Next, let's focus on FEATS. These are more specialized than SKILLS, and can be related to race or class! Check the Advanced Race Guide to see if you have racial FEATS, and the Advanced Class Guide for specialized class FEATS, and the CORE PLAYERS GUIDE has the main FEATS. These go in the "ABILITIES" tab.
 - a. Number of FEATS are determined by your CLASS and LEVEL. You are all level 1, so you get one FEAT of your choice, and any feats given to you by your RACE and CLASS.
 - You will gain one bonus FEAT every odd level, plus any FEATS based on your class level
- 11. **SPELLS**: If you use magic, there is a chart under your CLASS that has your spell ability by level (DRUID shown below) [CORE PLAYERS GUIDE and ADVANCED CLASS GUIDE]. You can select **SPELLS** from your RACE and CLASS.

	Base Attack	Fort	Ref	Will						Cons	ls per	D			
Level	Bonus	Save	Save	Save	Special	0	ıst	2nd	3rd		5th		7th	8th	gth
1st	+0	+2	+0	+2	Nature bond, nature sense,	3	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
					orisons, wild empathy										
2nd	+1	+3	+0	+3	Woodland stride	4	2	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	-
3rd	+2	+3	+1	+3	Trackless step	4	2	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
4th	+3	+4	+1	+4	Resist nature's lure,	4	3	2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
					Wild shape (1/day)										
5th	+3	+4	+1	+4		4	3	2	1	_	_	_	_	_	_
6th	+4	+5	+2	+5	Wild shape (2/day)	4	3	3	2	_	_	_	_	_	_
7th	+5	+5	+2	+5		4	4	3	2	1	_	_	_	_	_
8th	+6/+1	+6	+2	+6	Wild shape (3/day)	4	4	3	3	2	_	-	_	_	_
9th	+6/+1	+6	+3	+6	Venom immunity	4	4	4	3	2	1	_	_	_	_
10th	+7/+2	+7	+3	+7	Wild shape (4/day)	4	4	4	3	3	2	_	_	-	_
11th	+8/+3	+7	+3	+7		4	4	4	4	3	2	1	_	_	-
12th	+9/+4	+8	+4	+8	Wild shape (5/day)	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	_	_	_
13th	+9/+4	+8	+4	+8	A thousand faces	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	_	_
14th	+10/+5	+9	+4	+9	Wild shape (6/day)	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	_	_
15th	+11/+6/+1	+9	+5	+9	Timeless body	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	1	_
16th	+12/+7/+2	+10	+5	+10	Wild shape (7/day)	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	_
17th	+12/+7/+2	+10	+5	+10		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	1
18th	+13/+8/+3	+11	+6	+11	Wild shape (8/day)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2
19th	+14/+9/+4	+11	+6	+11		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
20th	+15/+10/+5	+12	+6	+12	Wild shape (at will)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

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- b. There is a separate **SPELLS** tab. If you have a DAMAGE or HEALING spell, determine the damage and modifiers for those spells and save that as a common roll on the dice.
- 12. **LOAD UP ON GEAR.** Go through the CORE PLAYERS GUIDE and purchase weapons, food, armor, etc. Your Starting GOLD is based on this chart. Being generous, please add 30 GOLD to your starting wealth. Place these in your INVENTORY tab. If you purchase weapons, put them on your MAIN tab, too so you know how much damage you can do.

Starting Wealth	Average
3d6 × 10 gp	105 gp
3d6 x 10 gp	105 gp
4d6 × 10 gp	140 gp
2d6 × 10 gp	70 gp
5d6 x 10 gp	175 gp
1d6 × 10 gp	35 gp
5d6 × 10 gp	175 gp
5d6 × 10 gp	175 gp
4d6 × 10 gp	140 gp
2d6 × 10 gp	70 gp
2d6 × 10 gp	70 gp
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TABLE 6-2: COINS Exchange Value	ср	sp	gp	PP
Copper piece (cp)	1	1/10	1/100	1/1,000
Silver piece (sp)	10	1	1/10	1/100
Gold piece (gp)	100	10	1	1/10
Platinum piece (pp)	1,000	100	10	1

- 13. Finish Your Scores on the MAIN tab.
 - a. Armor Class: 10+ armor bonus +shield bonus+dexterity modifier +misc modifiers
 - b. Attack bonus: base attack bonus+ strength modifier +size modifier
 - c. Saving throw: base save bonus: ability modifier
 - d. Initiative Modifier: dexterity checks +dex modifier
 - e. Attack Values
- 14. Backstory on the first tab "ABOUT"
 - a. This does not need to be super elaborate, but get as creative as you want. I just need an idea of your character's background so I can create the right environments for everyone to work together. If you want a long lost friend/relative/SO, let me know. That can be a campaign arc. Do you and another player want to have a pre-existing relationship (sibling/friend/etc), let me know! I'm totally open to having you help world-build.

See The Next Page for Details on What You Need for Game Nights

GAME NIGHTS

- 1. Please have your character sheet pulled up. I will link them below for easy access (and also for myself)
 - a. [Character] Kitty, Class, Race, Level: KITTY
 - b. [Character] Alex, Class, Race, Level: xxLINKxx
 - c. [Character] Alicia, Class, Race, Level: xxLINKxx
 - d. [Character] Sarah G, Class, Race, Level: xxLINKxx
 - e. [Character] Tallin, Class, Race, Level: Tallin
 - f. [Character] Kenzie, Shaman/Druid, Half-Elf, Level: 1 KENZIE
 - g. [Character] Sarah B, Class, Race, Level: xxLINKxx
 - h. [Character] Sarina, Class, Race, Level: xxLINKxx
- 2. Please have dice pulled up (or physical dice). I like this site because you can save rolls with modifiers and it makes it much easier (especially if you are a spellcaster)
 - a. http://www.brockjones.com/dieroller/dice.htm
- 3. Please Review any notes from the last game
 - a. What is your Health?
 - b. Are you out of spells?
 - c. Did any equipment break/get lost?
 - d. What is the current objective?
 - e. Do you need to do anything immediately at the start of game--heal, short rest, buy equipment, etc.
 - f. Pull up the group sheet: GROUP NOTES
- 4. Have food and drink accessible, please go to the bathroom before we start!! We will pause for bathroom breaks, but we aim to minimize them.