

[13 Things to Find For Your Character]

21. FIND THEIR IDENTITY.

Understanding how your character defines themselves in life can help you better understand how they interact with and present themselves to the world. When defining your character's identity, consider elements such as their gender identity, race, sexuality, religion, ancestry, and interests.

22. FIND THEIR PERSPECTIVE.

Perspective is the lens through which we see the world. Explore your character's upbringing, religious and political beliefs, education, social influences, and relationships to better understand their personal perspective.

23. FIND THEIR TYPE.

Who does your character gravitate toward when seeking friendships, romance, or guidance? Consider whether such relationships are truly healthy and fulfilling, as well as why your character gravitates toward such people in the first place.

24. FIND THEIR LANGUAGE.

Give your character a voice. Take the time to define their unique speech patterns, vocabulary, and accent by considering how, when, and where they were raised, as well their personality, experiences, and level of education.

25. FIND THEIR ATTITUDE.

Is your character optimistic, pessimistic, or realistic? Defining your character's everyday attitude can help you better understand how they see the world, as well as how the conflicts they face throughout their journey will affect them.

26. FIND THEIR HAPPY PLACE.

Where is your character happiest? When do they feel most loved and accepted? Showcasing your character at their best can make their worst moments all the more impactful.

27. FIND THEIR SUPPORT.

Help your character weather your story's conflicts by giving them relationships with loved ones or mentors. Allow these characters to guide, encourage, and challenge them throughout their journey.

28. FIND THEIR GUT.

Your character's gut feelings can say a lot about who they are, while also add nail-biting tension to your story that foreshadows dangers to come. Take advantage!

29. FIND THEIR BANE.

Everyone has their breaking point. Showing readers what it takes to push your character to this point will make your character's journey all the more momentous.

30. FIND THEIR REFUGE.

When all seems lost, a safe haven can keep hope alive for your character. Allow your character to find this refuge when they most need it, so they can receive the respite they need to recharge for your story's climax.

31. FIND THEIR REDEMPTION.

Your character will screw up. They will make decisions that harm themselves or others. They will fail. It's how they make things right that will define who they are at heart.

32. FIND THEIR GLORY.

Your character's journey will shape the person they become. If they've changed for the better, allow readers to see how their development was worth the fight.

33. FIND THEIR STORY.

Completing the first 32 activities in today's article should help you create strong, complex characters for your stories. But at the end of the day, characters can't be summed up by 32 individual statements. What you truly need to make your character shine is their story.

Who are they when your story begins? What shaped them into that person, and what launches them into the journey that will forever change their world? What mistakes will they make in their journey? What trials will they face, and how will these trials affect who they are?

What is their fight? What do they strive for? Who helps them out along the way, and how will they overcome? And, most importantly, who do they become because of it all?

That, writer, is your character's story. That is your character. Not 32 individual statements, but one incredible story of was and is and will become. That is what makes your character strong.