

Character Bio - Questions to answer

1. Name of your character: _____
2. AGE: How old is the character now? Is the character much different when he / she was young?
3. ETHNICITY: What is the origin of the character's roots? How does he feel about where he comes from?
4. HEIGHT: How tall is the character? How does that affect how he views his place in the world?
5. WEIGHT: How much does the character weigh? How do others treat him because of his weight, if it is out of the normal range?
6. SEX / REPRODUCTION: How does the character propagate?
7. GENDER: What sex is the character? How does this factor into his role and status in the world and within his family?
8. HEALTH: Is the character handicapped? If so, was he born like that? How does his health affect him from reaching his goals?
9. INTELLIGENCE: Is the character of average or below-average intelligence? Is he a genius? How does his intelligence make him react to those around him?
10. EDUCATION: Not to be confused with intelligence. What education level is your character at? High school drop-out? Multiple degrees?
11. EVOLUTIONARY CYCLE: What is the character's lifespan?
12. CULTURE: The character's belief system. This weighs heavily on the character's mind even if he no longer believes in how he was brought up because it's the only thing the character knows.
13. FOOD / EATING: What does your character like to eat? Food choice can reveal a lot about how the character regards his body.
14. NOCTURNAL: Does your character like to stay up late?
15. FAMILY: Values? Size? Family structure plays a heavy role in forming who your character is and how he perceives his place in the world.
16. MONEY: Is the character wealthy? Poor? Filthy rich?

17. **PROFESSION:** What does the character do for a living? How does that contribute to his goals or hinder him from attaining them?
18. **BODY STRUCTURE:** This attribute affects how your character moves and how he is perceived by others. Is the character tall and lanky? Short and squat?
19. **FLAWS (Fatal):** Flaws can also bring about the demise of a character and be the obstacle between the protagonist and his goal.
20. **IDIOSYNCRACIES:** What makes the character different? This is how you create a memorable character. Does he have a stutter? Does he tap his chin before eating?
21. **ATMOSPHERE:** How does a church vs. a car-wreck influence the character?
22. **GOALS:** What does your character hope for? What does he desire more than anything else in the world? How can he make them happen? What does he need?
23. **DREAMS:** What are your character's dreams? Dreams are lofty ambitions that we think about doing but are just high enough that they may be out of reach. Dreams also seem to be further in the future (compared to goals). Dreams and goals are similar because dreams soon become our goals as we get closer to making them happen.
24. **TRAUMA:** Has your character experienced trauma? Trauma is something that happened in the character's past that affects how he acts.
25. **TALENT:** Does your character have a talent? What makes your character different than all the other characters in the story?
26. **ADDICTIONS:** Does your character drink? Smoke? Gamble? Eat excessively? These things can help or hinder your character from reaching his goal.