

Character Development Worksheet

Character's Full Name _____

Character's Nickname(s) _____

Significance of the name and/or nickname _____

Physical Characteristics:

Describe each physical characteristic and, on the line below each, tell how the character feels about the characteristic (self-perception).

Age _____

Age character actually appears and the reason why _____

Hair color and style _____

Eye color _____

Height _____

Weight _____

Body type/Build _____

Shape of Face and Distinguishing Features _____

Coloring _____

Cleanliness _____

Noticeable handicaps _____

Sense of style _____

Thing the character would most like to change about him/herself and why-

Intelligences and Attitudes:

Circle the ones that apply: Mechanical Analytical Physical (sports)
Technical Social Artistic Mathematical Musical
Introspective Optimistic Pessimistic Rational Irrational
Kindhearted Hardhearted Calculating Sneaky Integrity
Honorable Downtrodden Strong Weak Careless
Punctual Thoughtful Fastidious Authentic Brave
Barbaric Gentle Thoughtless Melodramatic Phlegmatic
Choleric Sanguine Melancholy Introvert Extrovert

Others personal attributes _____

Talents _____

Drive and Motivators in Character's Life

Likes

Dislikes

Pet peeves

Value Character places on Things and Why

Spirituality

Habits:

Common Expressions

Mannerisms, peculiarities and quirks

Fun Pursuits/ Favorite pastimes

Hobbies

Relationships:

Family (Who and describe the relationship)

- Mother

- Father

- Siblings

- Spouse/Lover

- Children

Friendships (Who and describe the relationships)

Other significant relationships to characters in the story

Pets

General behavior toward others

Describe how others perceive the character and note any disparity between views

Significant Personal History:

Birthplace _____

Upbringing—where and how

Education—where and what

Significant Events

Biggest Success

Current Situation

Describe each and tell how the character feels about them.

Residence

Vehicles

Stuff (Belongings)

Job/ Employment

Relationships

Hardships that linger

Delights that linger

Biggest Regret

Secrets and who knows about them

Secret Hopes and Dreams

Places character would like to visit

Things character would like to do

People character would like to meet

Who character would most like to emulate and why

Long-range goals

Short-range goals

Author Analysis of Character

This character makes a good:

- Hero, because _____
- Villain, because _____
- Supporting Character, because _____

I'm intrigued by this character because:

Time-period that best fits this character: _____

Setting that best fits this character: _____

Other characters needed to make this character work:
