

Character Biography Worksheet

A character biography is a detailed, three-dimensional breakdown of your character's physical, emotional, and spiritual world.

This organizer is designed for you to dive deeper into what makes your character unique.

REMEMBER...

- Answer the questions in **FIRST PERSON** (ex. I, me, my) to explore your character voice
- Try to be succinct and go deep into the answers by using details to explore your rationale/thoughts/answers
- Be creative **BUT** also base your answers on what is found in the text
- Extension: use images to further elaborate your thinking

Character Name:

Name:

Text:

Question	Creative Prompt	My Character's Answer
STARTING QUESTIONS		
<i>Example</i>	<i>Describe your dream vacation...</i>	<i>My dream vacation is a week-long stay on the beach. Because I work insane hours growing my start-up, the idea of relaxing on a beach is really exciting to me.</i>
Character Question 1	<i>Can you give us the basic biography information? Name/age/location/ occupation/horoscope sign?</i>	
Character Question 2	<i>What does a normal day in your life look like?</i>	
Character Question 3	<i>Which is more important: family or friends?</i>	
Character Question 4	<i>What is your opinion on social media?</i>	
Character Question 5	<i>Describe your dream vacation...</i>	

RELATIONSHIPS		
Relationship Question 1	<i>Describe your relationship with yourself.</i>	
Relationship Question 2	<i>Who is the number one person in your world?</i>	
Relationship Question 3	<i>Have you ever been in a troublesome or toxic relationship with yourself/ others?</i>	
Relationship Question 4	<i>At the beginning of relationships, are you trusting or does it take some time for someone to earn trust?</i>	
Relationship Question 5	<i>What positive qualities do you bring to your relationships with others?</i>	
MOTIVATIONS		
Objective	<i>What is your goal? What are you trying to achieve? Note: this can be a physical goal (i.e. trying to buy a car) and/or an emotional/spiritual goal (i.e. trying to achieve acceptance)</i>	
Tactics	<i>What does your character do to achieve their goals? What tactics do they use? Use action verbs to help you answer these questions.</i>	
ANALYSIS OF A SPECIFIC PIECE OF TEXT (Monologue, Passage, etc)		
Who Are You Speaking To?	<i>Who are you speaking to in the piece (another person in the scene, audience, both?)</i>	

What Are You Speaking About?	<i>Plot line. Summary of WHAT you are speaking about. How does it fit with what is happening with your character in their world?</i>	
When and Where Are You Speaking?	<i>Time of day. Setting. Place. Be as specific as possible (i.e. 2:30 p.m. on Saturday on the couch in the living room with my cat sleeping beside me).</i>	
Why Are You Speaking This At This Moment in Time?	<i>Be specific. Why this piece of text now? What is purpose and impact?</i>	
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS		
What Does Your Character Fear the Most?		
What Is Your Character's Pet Peeves?		
What Drives Your Character To Do What They Do?		
What Is Your Character Most Proud Of?		

After completing this activity, please reflecting on the activity by evaluating your thoughts:

Before the activity, I thought....

After the activity, I realize.....