

When planning your characters, it's important to flesh them out as much as possible. You want the character/s to be as real as possible to you so that they are real to your readers. By using a form like this, it becomes easier to see the character as a real person rather than a one-dimensional name on a page.

While some of the things listed on this page might never be used in your book, they will become an aid to get to know your character/s better.

Happy writing!

Lynn Howard

Detailed Character Building

Name Ideas –

Story Role –

Type of Being (ie human, fairy, vampire) –

Age -

Gender -

Character Summary –

Basic Info

Physical Traits and Appearance –

Character Inspiration –

Personality Traits –

Skills/Gifts –

Favorite Color –

Favorite music/movie genres –

Favorite sports –

Pets –

Hobbies –

Occupation –

Backstory

Theme –

Backstory –

Moment that shaped character –

Goals

Character's Goals –

Motivation –

What Specific Action Needed –

Stakes –

Obstacles –

True Needs –

Relationships

Make sure to list any siblings who might play a role or be mentioned, friends, coworkers, etc. As long as they are mentioned or somehow shaped the character's life and personality.

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