Questions For Building Character Profile

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Use the following that apply to your project/character

Name:

Background:

Birthday:

Place of birth:

Parents:

Siblings:

Economic/social status growing up:

Ethnic background:

Places lived:

Education:

Preexisting unique skills he/she will use to solve plot problems:

Jobs:

Salary:

Places they have traveled to:

Friends—what kind of people are they?

How people view this character:

Lives with:

Fights with:

Spends time with:

Wishes to spend time with:

People who depend on him/her and why:

People he/she most admires:

Enemies:

Dating, marriage:

Children:

Relationship with God:

Outlook on life:

Opinion of himself/herself:

What, if anything, he/she would like to change about his life:

Core need:

Personal demons:

Lying to self about:

Optimistic or pessimistic:

 Morality level:

Confidence level:

Self-control and self-discipline level:

Typical Day:

Physical appearance:

Build:

Posture:

Head shape:

Eyes-color/shape:

Nose:

Mouth:

Hair-color/texture/length:

Skin tone/clarity:

Tattoos/piercings/scars:

Voice-pitch/accent:

Clothing:

What people notice first about this character:

How he/she sees themself:

Five words he/she would use to describe himself:

Five words best friend would use to describe character:

Degree of self-awareness -high to low:

Greatest joy:

Greatest pain:

Health/disabilities/handicaps:

 Personality type:

Strongest/weakest character traits:

Emotional vulnerabilities:

Three rules he/she lives by:

Public identity:

Does public persona contrast with hidden interior self?

Default behavior when challenged/angered:

Default argument tactic:

 Fears:

Talents/skills:

 Interests/hobbies:

Political leaning:

Favorite Food/Drink:

Favorite types of Music/Books/Movies:

Favorite Sports, Recreation:

Pets:

Vehicle:

Idiosyncrasies:

Typical Expressions – when happy, angry, frustrated, sad, afraid:

Hopes and dreams:

Plans to accomplish these dreams:

Worst thing he/she has ever done:

Greatest success:

Biggest trauma:

Will readers sympathize with this person? Why or why not?