

CHARACTER BACKGROUND SHEETS

100 Important Questions To Ask About Your Character

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1. Character name and meaning:
2. Birthday and age:
3. Hair color:
4. Hair style:
5. Eye color:
6. Facial features:
7. Body type:
8. Distinguishing body features:
9. Type of clothes most often worn:
10. Pet peeves about appearance:
11. Body features that boost confidence:
12. Thing people generally notice first about appearance:
13. Location - where do they live?
14. Have they always lived here?
15. Do they like this location?
16. Why?
17. If they don't like the location - why?
18. What is the occupation?
19. Was this the occupation they'd always desired?
20. If not, what is their "dream" occupation/career?
21. What is the character's educational background?
22. How did they do in school?
23. If they did really well - what were the ramifications?
24. If they did poorly - what were the ramifications?
25. Financial information - how is the character set financially?
26. What kind of spender are they?
27. Do they budget and account for every dime or do they just sort of squeak by month to month?
28. What kind of house do they live in?
29. What kind of furnishings do they have?
30. What kind of furnishings are important to them?
31. What are their hobbies?
32. Why do they gravitate toward these hobbies?
33. What are their personal goals?
34. What is the deepest unfulfilled desire of their heart?
35. What is the thing they are most proud of accomplishing?
36. What is the thing they are least proud of having done or been a part of?
37. What was their childhood upbringing like?
38. What is their relationship with their parents?
39. What are they looking for in their friendships?
40. What kind of friends do they have?
41. From what circle have they found their friends? Church - work - school - neighborhood, etc.
42. How do their friends affect their life?
43. What personality traits are most evident in your character?
44. What one trait are they better known for than any other?
45. What kind of love life does this character have?
46. Have they ever been in love?
47. If so, how did that experience affect their life?
48. If not, how has that affected their life?

49. What do they want in a romantic relationship?
50. What are they looking for in a mate?
51. Do they even desire to marry?
52. Do they want a family?
53. If so, why?
54. If not, why?
55. If your character had one day to live - how would they spend that day?
56. What is their idea of the ideal vacation site?
57. What is their idea of the perfect way to spend a quiet day?
58. Do they like to read?
59. What do they like to read?
60. Do they like to watch movies or television?
61. What do they like to watch?
62. What kind of music do they like - or do they like music?
63. Do they have siblings?
64. What kind of relationship do they have with their siblings?
65. Why?
66. How does this affect the story or does it affect the story?
67. What are their political interests?
68. How involved are they in current events?
69. How involved are they in their surrounding community needs?
70. What type of causes are they involved with?
71. What is their general health?
72. Have they ever had a close brush with death?
73. If so, how did it come about?
74. What kind of bearing does their health or body condition have on the story?
75. If they could change one thing about their body - what would it be?
76. Does this desire affect their relationships with others?
77. What kind of car do they drive?
78. What kind of recreational interests do they have?
79. Are they athletic?
80. What are their phobias?
81. What are their joys?
82. What type of temper do they have?
83. What motivates your character to do the things they do?
84. What kind of obstacles would most challenge them?
85. What is their spiritual walk with god?
86. Are they a Christian?
87. When did they become a Christian?
88. Are they faithful in attending church, reading the bible and fellowshiping?
89. Do they pray and what are their thoughts on prayer?
90. Do they actively seek god on a daily basis or only when they are in crisis?
91. Do they share their faith or are they less outspoken and more reserved in issues of faith?
92. If they aren't "saved" or even interested in faith issues - why?
93. What will it take to bring this character to god?
94. How do they perceive god?
95. What is their initial feeling about church and fellowshiping?
96. What is the pivotal issue of faith that will draw them to god or draw them to a closer relationship?
97. How will their coming to god affect their relationship with other significant people in their lives?
98. Does this person have other "gods" in their life to deal with first?
99. What might those "gods" be?
100. Is this character real?