

Major Character Template

General Information

Name (add first name and surname plus any nickname):

Age:

Gender:

Height:

Weight/build:

Nationality:

Disabilities:

Character purpose in novel:

Character Arc:

Appearance

Face shape:

Complexion - colour:

Complexion – condition/marks:

Features:

Overall:

Ears:

Eye colour:

Eye type:

Eye expression:

Eyes – other:

Eyelashes:

Eyebrows:

Hair colour:

Hairstyle:

Hair condition:

Hair accessories:

Nose type:

Cheekbones:

Mouth type:

Mouth – condition:

Teeth:

Chin/jaw:

Facial hair:

Makeup:

Jewellery:

Skin condition:

Skin colour:

Body shape:

Body condition:

Clothes regularly worn:

Clothing textures:

Coats:

Footwear:

Type of clothes:

Appearance of clothes:

Accessories:

Neck:

Hands:

Nails:

Other distinguishing marks/features:

What character smells of:

Voice

Accent (choose a country and region):

Dialect (does your character use words from a particular region's dialect?):

Type of speech:

Type of language used:

Greeting:

Word(s) used to say goodbye:

Mannerisms

Posture:

Posture adjectives:

Type of walk:

Type of run:

Describing smiles and laughter:

Describing frown:

Common hand gestures:

Other common gestures:

Personality

General Outlook:

Moral Qualities:

Patience Levels:

Common Emotional State:

Inhibitions:

Belief System:

Temptations:

Sexual Temperament:

Sexuality:

Weaknesses:

Strengths:

Loves (what or who would your character do anything for):

Hates (what or who makes your character angry to just think about):

Hopes (a character's greatest hope is often their goal in a novel, motivating much of their behaviour):

Fears (a character's greatest fear can be the opposing force/character in a novel or can be a way they thwart their own success):

Sacrifices (what has your character given up to help others or achieve something?):

Positive or Neutral Personality Traits

Positive:

Neutral:

Eccentricities:

Political views:

Hobbies/Methods of relaxation:

Standard of living:

Favourite food:

Favourite colour:

Insecurities and Flaws

Insecurities:

Bad Habits:

Phobias:

Flaws:

Obsessions:

Current Life

Job/occupation:

Skills or job-related qualities:

Home:

Pet(s):

Salary and savings:

Crimes committed:

Lover/Spouse:

Children:

Best friend (choose another character for them to spend time with):

Vehicle owned:

Social Media Use:

Past

Sketch of childhood:

Details of family members:

Parents:

Sibling(s):

Other family members:

Character's feelings about family:

Social class (if relevant to country):

Level of education:

Aspects of past kept hidden:

Relationships

Most important relationship:

Romantic relationship:

Romantic ability:

List of Important People in life:

Relationship with each member of character's family:

Relationship with friends:

How a friend would describe them:

How an enemy would describe them:

How others generally react to character:

Character Others Are Supposed To See

General impression character wishes to give:

Feelings character hides:

Aspects of character hidden:

How much difference between what said and thought:

Why character wants to appear this way:

Inconsistencies which reveal hidden self (if applicable):

Change in behaviour depending who talking to:

Find out more about this subject in my book, “**Create Unforgettable Characters**”: [UK link](#) and [US link](#).

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