

## Character Profile Template

This template not only aids in creating complex and believable characters but also serves as a tool for maintaining consistency in character portrayal throughout a piece of writing. It helps you to think deeply about your characters, making them more engaging and relatable to readers.

### Basic Information

1. **Name:** Full name, including any nicknames or aliases.
2. **Age:** Current age and date of birth.
3. **Appearance:** Height, build, hair color, eye color, distinctive features (e.g., scars, tattoos).
4. **Occupation:** Current job and brief job history, relevance to the story.

### Background

1. **Family:** Immediate family members, relationship status with each, and their influence on the character.
2. **Education:** Level of education, notable school experiences, and impact on their current life.
3. **Socioeconomic Status:** Economic background, current living conditions.
4. **Cultural Background:** Ethnicity, religion, and how these influence their worldview.

### Personality Traits

1. **General Disposition:** Introvert or extrovert, optimistic or pessimistic, stable or volatile.
2. **Strengths:** Key positive traits (e.g., intelligence, compassion, resilient).
3. **Weaknesses:** Main flaws or areas of vulnerability (e.g., impulsiveness, jealousy, insecurity).
4. **Hobbies and Interests:** What they do in their leisure time, and why.

### Motivations and Goals

1. **Short-term Goals:** What they hope to achieve during the timeline of your story.
2. **Long-term Goals:** Their aspirations for the future beyond the story.

3. **Motivations:** Why they seek these goals—driving desires, needs, or fears.

## Relationships

1. **Significant Others:** Details about past and present romantic relationships.
2. **Friends:** Key friendships, how these relationships influence them.
3. **Enemies:** Who opposes them and why? The nature of these adversarial relationships.

## Conflicts and Challenges

1. **Internal Conflicts:** Psychological struggles, fears, doubts, or ethical dilemmas they face.
2. **External Conflicts:** Challenges posed by the environment, other characters, or societal expectations.

## Development Arc

1. **Character Growth:** How they will change throughout the story.
2. **Challenges for Growth:** Specific events that will test them and facilitate their growth.
3. **Resolution:** How their internal and external conflicts resolve by the end of the story.

## Miscellaneous

1. **Secrets:** Things only the character (and perhaps the reader) knows.
2. **Quirks:** Unique habits or behaviors that make the character stand out.
3. **Fears:** Phobias or deep-seated fears that affect their behavior.

## Usage Notes

- Fill out as much of the template as relevant but remember, not all details need to appear directly in the story. Instead, this information can inform how you write the character's dialogue and actions.
- Revisiting and updating the character profile as your story evolves or as new character details are developed during the writing process. Characters can change during the writing process so remain open.

