

Building Character Guide Sheet

Essentials

The four things that you must know or work towards discovering

Name (and meaning or significance if applicable)

Race

Identity/Class

Special abilities

Core Elements

The invisible forces that make you who you are and shape your actions

Ideals

Goals/Dreams

Source of strength

What do you support

What do you oppose

What are you trying to change

Most important successes

Greatest embarrassment or failure

Greatest fear

Personal Landscape

Key structural elements in the web of your life

Birthplace

Homeland

Other places lived

Education

Religion/beliefs

Political orientation

Profession (means of living)

Hobbies/favorite pastime

Interpersonal Connections

The innermost circle of people who have influenced your growth

Parents

Family life

Friends

Love interest

Most influential person in your life and why

Most important person in your life now and why

History/Background

Once you have a reasonable understanding of the above, you will be able to flesh out your background. As you do, you may find that you need to change some of the above factors or discover some answers you didn't have before.

Enhancing Details

Non-critical traits that can add additional layers of personality. Although these things are not critical of themselves, it is important to consider their relationship to the four critical lines of development discussed above.

Age

Physical description

Favorite food

One thing you won't eat

Favorite color(s)

Habits

Important festivals

Languages spoken

Head of religion

Political leader

Religious leader

Significant events during lifetime

Customs

Treasured possession

What you wear