

20 Questions for Characters

Physical description:

1. Name:
2. Age:
3. Sex:
4. Ethnicity:
5. Description of features and mannerisms:

Personal/professional history:

6. Education:
7. Occupation:
8. Description of parents:
9. Description of upbringing/childhood:
10. Main relationships:
11. Type/intensity of religion, if any:

Personality:

12. Basic personality traits (thoughtful, angry, goofy, etc.)
13. Shortcomings/weaknesses:
14. Strengths/special abilities:

What makes this character tick?

15. Driving motivation(s) or goals:

Interrogate your character:

16. Dirty secret:
17. First love:
18. Favorite music and/or art:
19. Incident that created a scar, either physical or mental:
20. Describe a turning point in character's life:

OK, now sum this character up in a sentence or two. Include a sketchy physical description, mention qualities that work for and against him/her, and mention his/her main motivations.