

Character Profile of

created by

Physical Description

Appellations

Full name

Title(s)

Nickname(s)/
alias(es)

Basic Attributes

Story/milieu

Birthdate

Age

Sex

Height: meters
ft./in.

Mass: kg

Weight: lbs.

Origins

Ethnicity

Nationality

Citizenship

Body Surface

Complexion

Covering (skin, fur, feathers, scales, other)

Details

Physique and Appearance

Overall

Torso

Head/face

Arms/hands

Legs/feet

Other limbs

Marks and Histories Thereof

Birthmarks

Scars

Tattoos

Physical Description (continued)

Eyes

Color

Details

Hair

Color

Straightness

Style

Details

Voice

Pitch

Smoothness

Volume

Accent

Details

Habitual Body Language

Facial expression

Posture

Gestures

Movements

Walk

Clothing and Accoutrements

Formal

Semi-formal

Informal

Casual

Other details

Psychological Description

Strengths

What are the character's strongest points?

What activities does the character like or enjoy doing?

What qualities does the character like/admire in him/herself?

Ideals and Philosophy

What is the character's philosophy of life?

What makes life worthwhile for the character?

What does the character think is worth dying for?

What galvanizes the character and why?

How does the character see the future?

Flaws and Weaknesses

What are the character's weakest points?

Traumas and psychological scars

Taboos and fears

Neuroses and psychoses

Regrets and lost opportunities

What activities does the character dislike or hate doing?

What qualities does the character dislike/hate in him/herself?

Attitudes and Views

Socialization (inward- or outward-directed; other details)

Money and wealth

Religion and philosophy

Ambition and power

Home and travel

Psychological Description (continued)

Attitudes Toward Others, in General

What activities of others does the character like or enjoy?

What qualities in others does the character like or admire?

What activities of others does the character dislike or hate?

What qualities in others does the character dislike or hate?

Attitudes of Others, in General

How do others view, and react to, the character?

How does the character want others to view/react to him/her?

Self-Image

How does the character see him/herself?

How does the character want to see him/herself?

How far is the character from this desired image?

Relationships and Other Characters

Family (parents, sibling[s], spouse[s], child[ren], other[s])

Friends (lover[s], best, personal, contact[s], other)

Enemies (greatest, personal, professional, rival[s], other)

Tastes and Preferences

Hobbies and pastimes

The arts (music and performing arts, graphic arts, literature)

Sense of humor

Favorite fantasy (not necessarily sexual)

Favorite color(s), color scheme(s), or graphic elements

Attitudes Toward Relationships

Family and marriage

Love and sex

Friendship and enmity

History

Childhood

Birthplace (city or region and nation)

Describe the character as a child.

Outline the character's childhood.

What incident(s) most affected the character, how, and why?

Adolescence and Adulthood

Outline the character's adolescence and history to the present.

What incident(s) most affected the character, how, and why?

Background

Formal education and work experience

Special skills

Proudest achievement

Greatest shame

Greatest influence (person)

The View from the Outside

Questions for the Author

Sum up the character in brief—one or two lines.

What is the single most important thing to know about the character?

What is memorable about the character? (A memorable character is strong in some way—saint, sinner, or both.)

How does this character differ from similar characters?

Why is the character worth writing about?

What is your reaction to the character, and why?

What do you believe others' reactions will be, and why?

The Present

What is the character's current problem?

How will it get worse?

Emotional Expression (optional)

Ecstasy
Joy
Amusement

Passion
Love
Affection

Adoration
Pride
Acceptance

Submission
Resignation
Passivity

Terror
Fear
Apprehension

Awe
Respect
Wariness

Amazement
Surprise
Distraction

Frustration
Resentment
Disappointment

Grief
Sadness
Pensiveness

Remorse
Regret
Wistfulness

Loathing
Disgust
Boredom

Hate
Contempt
Dislike

Rage
Anger
Annoyance

Aggression
Determination
Assertiveness

Vigilance
Anticipation
Patience

Exuberance
Compassion
Optimism

Describe briefly how the character expresses each of the listed moods. Each group of three terms represents different intensities of what is basically the same emotion. This system is in large part based on Robert Plutchik's solidogram of emotional spectrum classification.