**Character Questionnaires**

**Section One: Complete this section for all your important characters, starting with the protagonist.** You may want to copy and paste the questions for as many characters as you answer them for, or just add the character’s name next to their answers.

1. Name:

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2. Age

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3. Eye, hair, and skin color:

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4. Physical appearance:

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5. Ethnicity/ cultural background:

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6. What are they good at? Any special skills/abilities?

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7. What do they love to do?

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8. Describe their family. How does everyone get along?

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9. Where do they live? What’s it like there?

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10. Describe their house:

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11. Describe their bedroom (including anything they’re hiding):

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12. What do they keep in their pockets, purse, backpack, or bag?

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13. Any favorites? Music, movies, TV shows, books, food, etc:

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14. What kinds of things make them happy?

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15. What kinds of things annoy or upset them?

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16. What’s a secret they don’t want anyone to know?

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17. What are they most proud of?

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***Bonus: Paste or link below to images that remind you of your characters!***

**Section Two: Complete this just for your supporting characters.**

1. How do they know the protagonist?

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2. What do they love about the protagonist?

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3. Do they disagree with the protagonist about anything?

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4. Similarities to protagonist:

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5. Differences from protagonist:

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**Section Three: Complete this just for your antagonist.** If you don't have a physical antagonist, make up four other questions to answer about the challenge your hero is facing.

1. Why are they getting in the way of your protagonist?

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2. How do they feel about the protagonist? Why?

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3. Do they have any likeable qualities, or are they just plain evil?

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4. Do they have any secret weaknesses?

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**Section Four: Bonus Questions! Complete this section if you want to get to know any or all of your characters even better.** The more you know about your characters, the easier it is to bring them to life on the page! They might have different ideas about who they want to be once you start writing, though...

1. Favorite clothing style/ outfit:

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2. Special gestures/movements (i.e., curling their lip when speaking, always keeping their eyes on the ground, etc.):

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3. Things about their appearance they would most like to change:

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4. Speaking style (fast, talkative, monotone, etc.):

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5. Happiest memory:

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6. Insecurities:

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7. Quirks or strange habits:

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8. Temperament or mood (laid back, easily angered, etc.):

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9. Negative traits:

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10. This character really cares about:

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11. Things that embarrass them:

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12. Things that make them nervous:

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13. Their biggest fear:

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14. Other people's opinions of this character (What do people like about this character? What do they dislike about this character?):

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15. Dream vacation:

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16. Any pets?

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17. Best thing that has ever happened to this character:

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18. Worst thing that has ever happened to this character:

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19. Superstitions:

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20. Three words to describe this character:

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21. If a song played every time this character walked into the room, what song would it be?

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22. How do they act at parties?

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23. If you met this character in real life, how would you two get along?

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24. Anything else you want to ask them?

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***More Support!*** *If you want more character development help, try watching “* [*Webcast: Games to Develop Your Character*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs4uhPDEA7s&list=PLYIUGQnYLtxw3-ZZ0umzfjvYE17ZdkzU0&index=3&t=2093s)*.”*

Source: NaNoWriMo’s Young Novelist Workbook