



# Characterization Sheet

Inspirational Writers Alive!, Central Houston Chapter

## 1. Role

Is this character the protagonist, antagonist, supporting POV character, or supporting non-POV character? \_\_\_\_\_

For a non-POV character, describe the role/relationship with each POV character.

For a POV character, briefly summarize the character arc.

## 2. Archetype

In one word, identify the primary [archetype](#). \_\_\_\_\_

In one word, identify any secondary archetype. \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the archetype(s), identify the principle fear and motivation that pertain to the character arcs of the POV characters.

How do the attributes of the archetype(s) affect each POV character to move him/her along his/her character arc?

## 3. Temperament

Identify the primary temperament: sanguine, phlegmatic, choleric, melancholy, or supine. \_\_\_\_\_

Identify any secondary temperament. \_\_\_\_\_

Primary love language: affirmation, quality time, gifts, service, touch \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the temperament(s), identify the primary strengths and weaknesses that pertain to the character's relationships with the POV characters.

How do the attributes of the temperament(s) affect each POV character to move him/her along his/her character arc?

#### 4. Soul

*Protagonist:* Briefly describe the climactic incident requiring his/her heroism.

*Antagonist:* Briefly describe the point-of-no-return that assures his/her commitment to evil.

*Supporting Character / Marriage:* Briefly describe his/her/its role (if any) in pushing the hero and villain to their point of commitment.

*Protagonist:* What attributes supporting this heroism will he/she possess the entire time?

*Antagonist:* What attributes supporting this villainy will he/she possess the entire time?

*Supporting Character / Marriage:* What attributes will he/she/it possess that mesh with each POV character to promote their change?

*Protagonist:* What attributes supporting this heroism will he/she develop over time?

*Antagonist:* What attributes supporting this villainy will he/she develop over time?

*Supporting Character / Marriage:* What attributes will he/she/it possess that clash with each POV character to promote their change?

*Protagonist:* What flaws will he/she possess that threaten to derail this heroism?

*Antagonist:* What redeeming qualities will he/she possess that shake his/her resolve to follow through with this villainy?

*Family Member:* What strengths and weaknesses will he/she share with each related POV character?

#### 5. Backstory

- Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
- Ethnicity or Species \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
- Parents: Names/Ages \_\_\_\_\_
- Siblings: Names/Ages \_\_\_\_\_
- (Best) Friend(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Education \_\_\_\_\_
- (Primary) Language(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Skills/Talents:  
Perceived/Actual \_\_\_\_\_
- Occupation / Salary \_\_\_\_\_

- Political Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_
- World View \_\_\_\_\_
- Goals \_\_\_\_\_
- Religious Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_
- Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_
- Missing Need(s):  
physiological, security,  
love, self-actualization \_\_\_\_\_
- Problem: physical,  
psychological, spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
- Destructive Behavior from  
Need/Problem \_\_\_\_\_
- Proudest/Most Gratifying  
Moment \_\_\_\_\_
- Traumas \_\_\_\_\_
- Pet Peeves \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Physical Attributes

- Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_
- Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Skin Color \_\_\_\_\_
- Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_
- Defining Features \_\_\_\_\_
- Most Favorite Feature \_\_\_\_\_
- Least Favorite Feature \_\_\_\_\_
- Vitality / Imperfections \_\_\_\_\_
- Mannerisms \_\_\_\_\_
- Manner of Speech \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Name

- Name \_\_\_\_\_ Meaning \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Significance \_\_\_\_\_