

3D Characters

Use one for each of your characters in your novel, especially if they are main characters.

Name: _____ B-day/Age: _____ Birthplace: _____

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

High School: _____ College / University: _____

Family / Children: List any family that may have an appearance or at least a mention in your novel.

1 _____ living / deceased 2 _____ living / deceased
3 _____ living / deceased 4 _____ living / deceased

Co-workers / Close Friends: List any friends that may have an appearance or a mention in your novel.

1 _____ living / deceased 2 _____ living / deceased
3 _____ living / deceased 4 _____ living / deceased

Pets: List any pets that may have an appearance or a mention in your novel.

1 _____ living / deceased 2 _____ living / deceased

*Only list those important to your story goal. Did a child die? Is that why your character is so vulnerable?
How does this help propel your novel forward?

The following page will help you get to know your characters on a very personal level. The more real they are to you, the more real they will be to your reader. Below are some tips to keep in mind.

1. Fill out the info completely for each of your characters even though you won't use all the info; it will help you to know them better, you'll hear them tell you their story, and hear their decisions better.
2. Choose only those key things about your characters that present a challenge, keep your character from reaching their goal, or propel your story forward.
3. Somewhere on the page it might be helpful to note the role this character plays ie: antagonist, protagonist, or in general terms perhaps they are the town's busy body. You decide.
4. This is where you breathe life into your characters to make them weak or stronger, a coward or a leader. Will they be the villain or the deliverer?
5. Don't clump all these characteristics into one paragraph. You want to gracefully sprinkle your book with them.
6. If you are writing romance, remember that description is everything but you can still overdo it; so be careful even with that.

3D Physical Characteristics this includes the physical things like body type, health, etc.

Height: _____ **Weight:** _____ **Eye Color:** _____ **Hair Color:** _____

Health: sickly / healthy Note physical problems / how it interferes with daily living / keeps your character from reaching their goal _____

Clothing Style: office/business sexy / casual jeans/t-shirt shoes / accessories: _____

Graceful / Clumsy Awkward-Jittery Slow / Fast paced Physically Fit / Lazy –Sleepy

Note how your character feels about their self. What flaw drives them crazy and what do they see as their best feature?

3D Sociological Characteristics this includes social and biographical data

Nickname: _____ **How did they get this nickname / do they like or dislike this nickname:**

Was there anything special about where they were born? _____

Describe their current residence - compare to where they want to be:

Describe their social status: good standing outgoing introvert haughty

Discuss how their cultural and ethnic background influences them now.

How does your character feel about their education received? good bad has degree / or not

3D Psychological Characteristics includes habits, talents, speech, attitudes, etc.

Describe their basic temperament / hot buttons / sense of humor / emotional / optimist / pessimist

Their attitude towards self / others / authority / opposite sex

Stress reducers: hiking swimming mountain climbing boxing shopping overeating

Speech patterns: tongue-tied uses slang articulate stutters

Special talents: singing / acting racing / sporty motivating / encouraging