



HANDOUT: Character Sketch Template

Name of Character	
Role in the story	
Physical Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Age, height, weight, hair, skin, physique – Facial features – Clothing – Grooming – Distinguished features or mannerisms. – Voice 	
Background: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ethnicity – Education – Religion – Personal experience – Occupation Work experience – Sexuality 	
Character Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strongest (or dominant) trait – Weakest (or latent) trait – Philosophy – Politics – Interests 	
Significant event that molded the character's personality.	
Are there stereotypical expectations about this character? How does the character defy the stereotype(s)? How does the person conform to the stereotype(s)?	
Relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Best friend – Other friends – Family members – Neighbours – Enemies 	





<p>Essence of the character:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Core need(s) – Ambition in life – What does the character do alone? – Will the audience like or dislike the character and why? 	
<p>Character Arc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Does the character change in the story? How? – Epiphany: How does the character grow? What does the character learn? 	
<p>Motivations Ambitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What does the character want? Abstract Concrete Does the character have goals? 	
<p>Conflicts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What could prevent the character from achieving goals? Internal conflicts? External conflicts? 	
Freestyle description of the character	
In the character's own words: something the character says which is illustrative of the person's self-perception.	
Other notes	





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