



## HANDOUT: Character Sketch Template

Name of Character	
Role in the story	
Physical Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Age, height, weight, hair, skin, physique</li><li>– Facial features</li><li>– Clothing</li><li>– Grooming</li><li>– Distinguished features or mannerisms.</li><li>– Voice</li></ul>	
Background: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Ethnicity</li><li>– Education</li><li>– Religion</li><li>– Personal experience</li><li>– Occupation   Work experience</li><li>– Sexuality</li></ul>	
Character Traits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Strongest (or dominant) trait</li><li>– Weakest (or latent) trait</li><li>– Philosophy</li><li>– Politics</li><li>– Interests</li></ul>	
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"><li>– Best friend</li><li>– Other friends</li><li>– Family members</li><li>– Neighbours</li><li>– Enemies</li></ul>	





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





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