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Character Twenty Questions Worksheet

Whether you're starting fresh or have been working on a story for a while, you'll be amazed at how many hidden dimensions these quick questions will reveal about your characters.

WHAT YOU DO: Write phrases or adjectives to describe each of your major characters (and some of your minor ones). If the questions lead you to more details, feel free to write more. You may even discover scenes you didn't know you wanted to write, or back-story that will make your characters come alive. Not all questions can be answered for all characters, so interpret them any way that makes sense for your story and let them lead you where they will. That's one of the joys of creative writing!

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| 1. Name | |
| 2. Age | |
| 3. Gender | |
| 4. Nationality, race or other "group" affiliation | |
| 5. Where and when they live | |
| 6. Mother (describe, plus current whereabouts, circumstances) | |
| 7. Father (describe, plus current whereabouts, circumstances) | |
| 8. Siblings (describe, , plus current whereabouts, circumstances) | |

| Physical features | |
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| 9. Hair | |
| 10. Eyes | |
| 11. Height | |
| 12. Weight | |
| 13. Body type (i.e., thick boned, rail thin, stocky, soft, wiry) | |
| 14. Dress/Clothing | |
| 15. Physical or mental limitations | |
| 16. Physical or mental strengths | |
| 17. Place(s) where he/she live(d) | |
| 18. Favorite activity | |
| 19. Best friend | |
| 20. Worst enemy | |
| 21. A wish or dream | |

OK, there are more than 20 questions...!

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| 22. One thing that makes your character laugh | |
| 23. A fear | |
| 24. Something they'd like to learn | |
| 25. Something they'd like to forget | |
| 26. Something they'd never do | |
| 27. A secret | |
| 28. Does your character have a love interest? | |
| 29. Does your character have a pet? | |
| 30. Does your character have a quirky habit? | |
| 31. What else would be useful to know about your character? The more questions you ask and the deeper your answers, the more interesting, full and complex your characters will be. | |