

10 Best Practices to Develop Rounded Characters

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[6 Tips to Avoid Writing Cliched Characters](#)*

1. Provide a back story for each of your main characters.
2. Create a character profile for each main character (include basic information and physical characteristics).
3. Give your characters an arc and ensure that the arc is completed in your story.
4. Give each character a unique style of communication.
5. Give each character at least one strength and one weakness.
6. Give each character a relatable character trait.
7. Give each character internal and external motivations for each scene.
8. Show how your character acts but don't explain his actions (show, don't tell).
9. Combine multiple characters if they fall into stereotypical roles.
10. Ensure that every character you use moves the story forward. If they're boring or slow the story, get rid of them.