

6 Questions to Define Your Characters

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:

[Tips for Balancing Characterization with Plot](#)

Here's a list of questions to help you better define your characters:

1. Why is the character unhappy with his or her current life?

2. What does the character want to happen to change his or her circumstances?

3. Why hasn't the character done so already?

4. What steps must the character take to achieve his or her goal?

5. What stands in his or her way?

6. What will motivate the character to persevere?
