

Interview With a Villain: 20 Questions to Ask

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:
[Developing a Sympathetic Villain for Your Novel](#)*

When developing your villain character, here are 20 questions to get to know your villain:

1. Who is/was your hero and why?
2. What was your childhood like?
3. Who are your parents?
4. Who raised you?
5. Who were your childhood friends?
6. What is one of your saddest memories?
7. What is one of your happiest memories?
8. Who are your friends (if any)?
9. Who do you love and why?
10. Who do you hate and why?
11. Who do you fear?
12. What do you fear?
13. What hurt you?
14. What is your biggest regret and why?
15. When have you felt powerful?
16. When have you felt helpless?
17. What's a surprising thing about you that most people would not guess?
18. What are your flaws?
19. What are your best traits?
20. What line will you not cross to get what you want?