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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!

Name	
Age	
Gender	
Nationality, race or other "group" affiliation	
Mother (describe, plus current whereabouts, circumstances)	



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Father (describe, plus current whereabouts, circumstances)	
Siblings (describe, , plus current whereabouts, circumstances)	
Physical features	
Hair	
Eyes	
Height	
Weight	
Body type (i.e., thick boned, rail thin, stocky, soft, wiry, really should exercise more)	



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Dress	
Physical or mental limitations	
Physical or mental strengths	
Place(s) where he/she live(d)	
Favorite activity	
Best friend	
Worst enemy	
A wish or dream	



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One thing that makes your character laugh	
A fear	
Something they'd like to learn	
Something they'd like to forget	
Something they'd never do	
A secret	
OK, there are more than 20 questions...!	
Does your character have a mentor, great teacher or example?	
Does your character have a love interest?	
Does your character have a pet?	
Does your character have a quirky habit?	



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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.