10 Tips for Your Character Biographies

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These tips can be used for each of your main characters and for your significant minor characters:

1. Empathy: What elements make my characters likeable and unlikable?

2. Character Arcs: How do my characters evolve in the beginning, middle, and end of the script, as they attempt to achieve their goals? What do my characters learn about themselves and others, and what do my characters gain or lose, as the plot unfolds?

3. Goals: What are my characters' main goals, and hopes and dreams, and why are these important to my characters? How do my characters plan to achieve these goals?

4. Obstacles: What are my characters' roadblocks, problems, and hurdles that they must overcome to achieve their goals?

5. Multi-dimensional: What are my characters specific emotional, mental, physical, and/or social behaviors, idiosyncrasies and traits? How do my characters see themselves and how do they relate to others?

6. Motivations: What are the underlying reasons that motivate my characters to make critical and specific decisions?

7. Flaws: What are my characters' shortcomings and weaknesses?

8. Vulnerabilities: What are my characters' Achilles' heel?

9. Attitude: How do my characters really feel about themselves and others?

10. Characters' pasts influence their present: What are the events in my characters' pasts, such as schooling, home life, employment, and/or trauma that have significantly molded them to be the person they are today?