

The New DM's Character Creation Questionnaire

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO BUILD A WELL-ROUNDED, THOUGHT-OUT D&D CHARACTER, ANSWER AS MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS AS YOU WANT. I'VE FOUND THAT SOME OF THEM ARE NECESSARY, BUT IT ALSO HELPS TO LEAVE SOME OF THEM UNANSWERED AND/OR OPEN-ENDED TO FILL IN AS THE CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES. I ALSO SUGGEST ANSWERING THEM IN FIRST-PERSON AS IT HELPS YOU GET INTO THE MINDSET OF THE CHARACTER, WHICH IN THE LONG-TERM WILL HELP YOU THINK LIKE THEM AND ACTUALLY ROLEPLAY AS THEM MORE SEAMLESSLY.

Basic Background Questions:

What is your full name?

Where were you born and raised?

What is your age, gender, and physical appearance?

What was your family like, and are they still alive?

What was your childhood like? Were they happy or troubled?

How did you learn your class skills and abilities?

Do you have any notable scars, tattoos, or distinctive features?

Motivations and Goals:

What are your short-term and long-term goals?

What drove you to become an adventurer?

Do you have a personal vendetta or a sworn enemy?

Are you seeking wealth, power, knowledge, or something else?

What do you fear the most, and what are you willing to risk to overcome it?

Personality Traits and Beliefs:

Describe your personality in a few words.

What are your core beliefs, values, and moral code?

Do you have any quirks or unusual habits?

How do you handle stress or difficult situations?

What is your favorite and least favorite type of person?

Are you introverted, extroverted, or somewhere in between?

Relationships and Connections:

Do you have any close friends or allies?

Are you romantically involved or searching for love?

Do you have any mentors or significant figures in your life?

Do you have any unresolved conflicts or broken relationships?

Backstory and Secrets:

What is the most significant event in your past?

Have you ever committed a crime or a morally questionable act?

What is the most important lesson you've learned in life so far?

Do you have any hidden talents or knowledge that others don't know about?

Are there any mysteries or unanswered questions in your backstory?

What is the one thing you would do anything to protect or keep hidden?

What's your favorite place in the world?

What is an item of importance that you keep on you?

Character Development and Growth:

What personal flaws or weaknesses are you actively working to overcome?

How do you envision evolving throughout the campaign?

What kind of legacy do you hope to leave in this world?

Random, But Useful:

If you could have any one wish granted, what would it be?

What is one thing you regret?

What do you hate?

What do you cherish?