

## Character Life

For those of you who are struggling to keep the character life profile in order, here is a reminder of what we wrote down together in class.

Part One: Biographical Detail. This is in a list format and includes basic detail of the person's life. The start of that would look something like this:

Name: John Doe

Gender: Male

Age: 37

Date of Birth: Oct. 2, 1854

Height: 6'4"

Eye Color: Blue

And the list goes on as we wrote down in class.

Part Two: Personality Traits. Simply list at least two positive and two negative traits.

Positive: funny, hard-working

Negative: impatient, quick tempered

Part Three: Tragic Flaw. The tragic flaw is most often a personality trait that if pushed to its limit, would cause the life of your character to diminish in its quality.

For example, John Doe is quick tempered. This caused him to get into a fight where he ultimately lost sight in one of his eyes.

Part Four: Back Story (5-10 lines) In a paragraph form, what were the two or three major events in your character's life that brought him or her to where he or she is today.

For example: John had a rough start to his life. By the age of three, he had already been shuffled into his fourth foster family, his parents having been tragically killed

only a year earlier. By the age of 10, John robbed his first 7-11. It wasn't a sporadic decision but he worked really hard at planning the heist. Even though he has a quirky sense of humor, it got him into trouble when it caused a fight. He badly injured the man he was fighting and at 20, he received his first jail term. He has been in and out of prison ever since.

Part Five: This is the novel description. In a novel, what would a description of your character look like and be like? Length is 5-10 lines.

For example: A roar of laughter broke the silence that had descended on the room. John's hair, sweat soaked and dishevelled, gave testimony to the fight that had just happened. His shirt, normally so clean and well pressed, hung around his mammoth, chiselled body like the bandages of some ancient mummy. His blue eyes darted from side to side, betraying his anxiety, as he waited for any other enemies to approach.

I hope this helps some of you get organized. Happy writing.