

Character Discovery Worksheet

Objective: In order to write showing scenes you must have an in-depth understanding of your ancestor's character. The Character Discovery Worksheet will help you to flesh out your ancestor.

Character Name:

What is the character's full name? Does the name have any significance? Are there any nicknames?

Basic Information

Age

How old is the character? How does their age affect their worldview and actions?

Gender

What is the character's gender identity? How does it influence their behavior or interactions?

Occupation

What does the character do for a living? How does this occupation define or influence their daily life and identity?

Physical Appearance

Describe the character's physical traits—height, build, hair color, eye color, distinguishing marks. How do these features impact their interactions with others?

Personality

Core Traits

List 3-5 key personality traits that define the character. For example, are they compassionate, resourceful, stubborn?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Strengths

What are the character's strengths? How do these strengths help them achieve their goals?

Weaknesses

What are the character's flaws or vulnerabilities? How do these weaknesses create conflict or challenges?

Values and Beliefs

What does the character believe in? What are their core values? How do these beliefs guide their actions?

Fears and Insecurities

What is the character afraid of? What insecurities do they struggle with? How do these fears impact their decisions?

Family & Background

Family and Relationships

What is the character's family background? How have their relationships shaped who they are? Include key family members, friends, mentors, or romantic partners.

History

Summarize the character's backstory. What significant events, wounds have shaped their life? How do these experiences influence their current behavior and goals?

Education and Skills

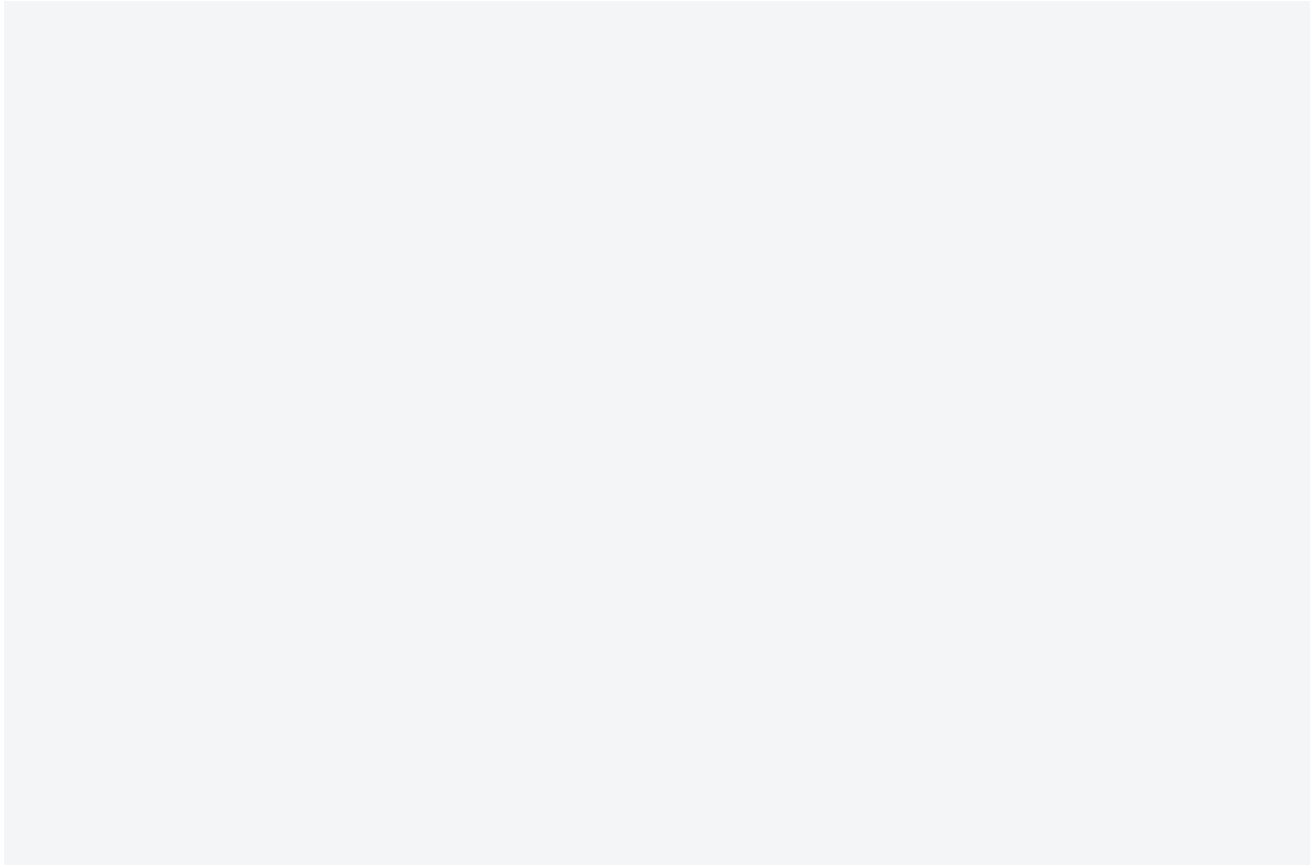
What is the character's educational background? What special skills or knowledge do they possess?

Cultural Background

What is the character's cultural, ethnic, or religious background? How does this influence their worldview and interactions with others?

Secrets and Regrets

What secrets does the character hold? What regrets do they carry, and how do these shape their actions?

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Character's Internal World

Goals and Motivations

What does the character want? What are their short-term and long-term goals?
What drives them to pursue these goals?

Conflicts and Challenges

What obstacles stand in the character's way? What internal and external conflicts do they face?

Character's Internal World

Emotional Landscape

Describe the character's emotional state. How do they typically respond to stress, joy, anger, etc.?

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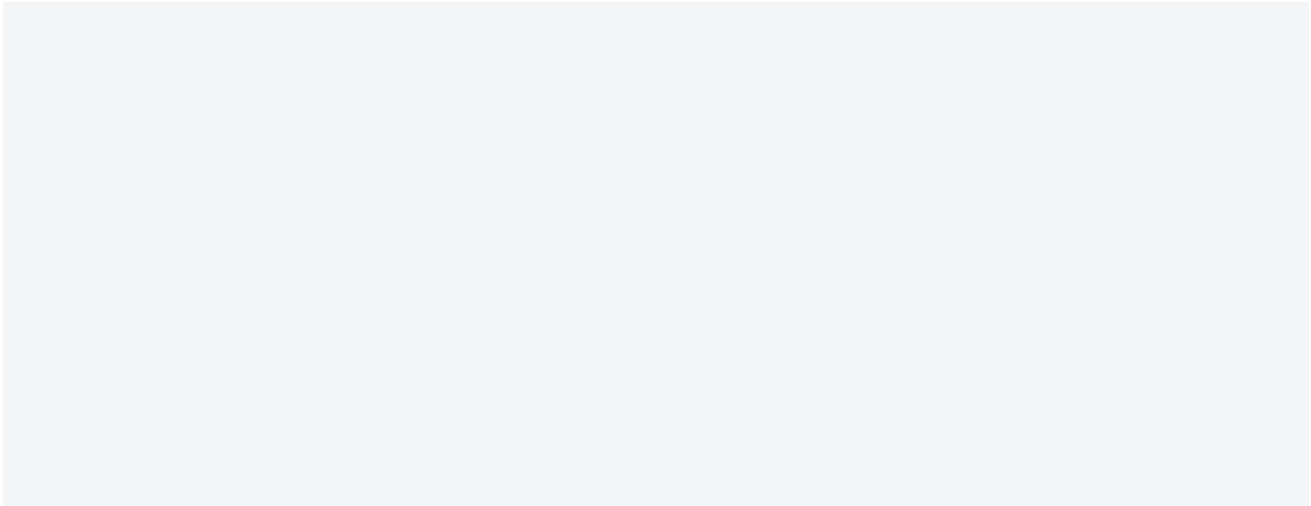
Typical Behavior

How does the character behave in everyday situations? What habits or quirks do they have?

Visual and Sensory Details

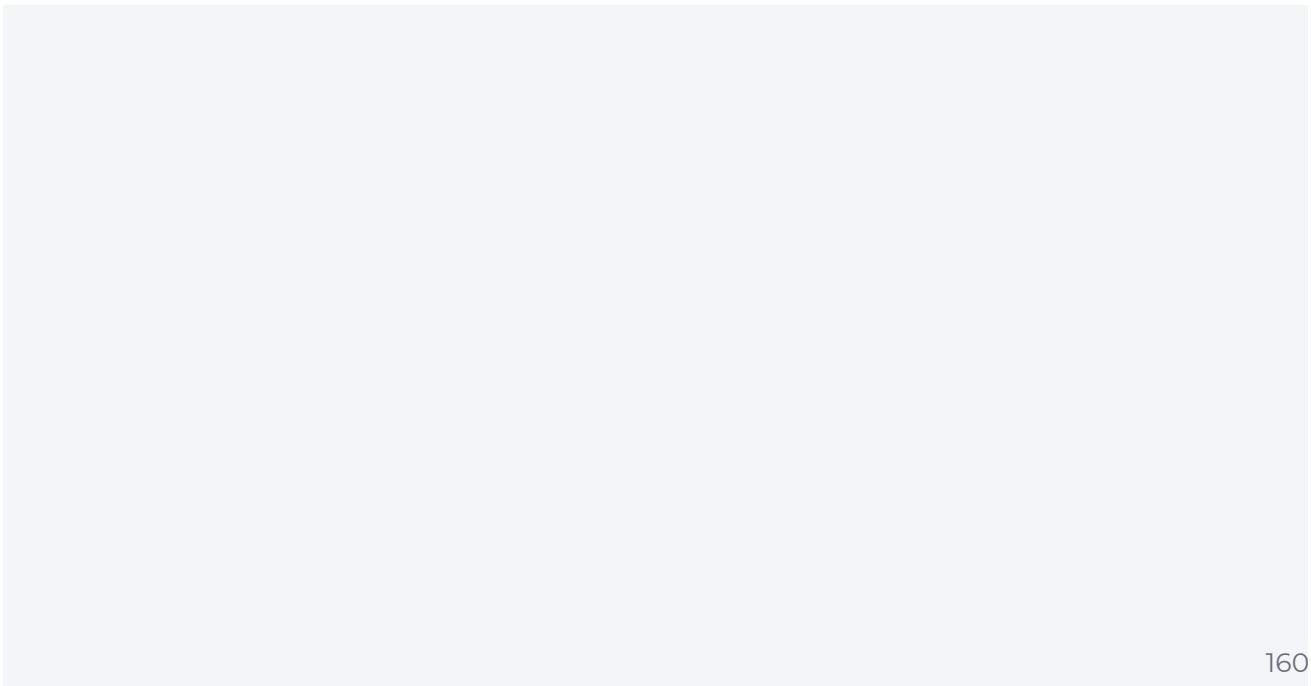
Clothing and Style

What kind of clothes does the character wear? How does their style reflect their personality or status?



Environment

Where does the character feel most at home? How do they interact with their surroundings?



Character's Arc

Growth and Change

How does the character evolve over the course of the story? What lessons do they learn? How do they change as a result of their experience?

Key Moments

Identify key moments in the story that significantly impact the character's development. How do these moments challenge or affirm their beliefs and goals?

Character's Arc

End State

By the end of the story, what has the character achieved? How have they changed? What new challenges do they face?

Notes and Additional Information

Include any other relevant details or observations about the character that don't fit into the categories above.