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The Character Description Guide for 2026

A strong character feels like a real person: a clear look, a past, something they want and something they fear. This guide covers the eight character roles, the parts of a full profile, trait pairs that create depth, how to describe a character by genre and a blank character sheet.

The eight character roles

Role	What they do in the story
Hero	The one the story follows: a goal, courage and something to lose.
Villain	Stands against the hero, with a motive they believe is right.
Sidekick	A loyal ally with their own wants and a skill the hero lacks.
Mentor	A wise guide whose past still weighs on them.
Rebel	Breaks the rules or leaves the crowd, for a clear reason.
Guardian	Protects a person, a place or a secret, and pays for it.
Trickster	Clever and hard to trust, with a hidden loyalty.
Innocent	Pure-hearted and kind, and that kindness is tested.

The parts of a full character profile

- **Appearance.** How they look and dress, and one detail people remember.
- **Personality.** Their traits shown in what they do.
- **Background.** Where they come from and what shaped them.
- **Motivation.** What they want most, and what they fear.
- **Abilities, relationships and flaws.** What they are good at, who matters to them, and what holds them back.

Trait pairs that create depth

Mix a strength with a weakness so the character feels real: brave but reckless, kind but naive, cunning but loyal, shy but stubborn, ambitious but generous, calm but secretive.

Describing a character by genre

- **Fantasy.** Armour, robes, magic and old oaths.
- **Sci-fi and cyberpunk.** Ships, implants, corporations and code.
- **Historical.** Clothes, work and customs true to the era.
- **Modern.** Jobs, phones, family and everyday pressure.
- **Supernatural and post-apocalyptic.** Curses, survival and hard choices.

Your character sheet

Fill this in, then create more characters on the AI Character Description Generator.

Name, role and genre

Two contrasting traits, and what they want and fear

One detail of their look and one flaw

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