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The Character Creation Guide for 2026

A character prompt is a short profile you can write or draw from: a name, who they are, the backstory that made them, what they want and what stands in the way. This guide covers the five character roles, the parts of a strong character, how genre and tone change a character, and a page to plan your own.

The five character roles

1. **Protagonist.** The main character who drives the story. Give them a clear want and a flaw that gets in the way.
2. **Antagonist.** The character who opposes the protagonist. They believe they are right, which makes the conflict feel real.
3. **Sidekick.** A loyal companion. A sidekick with their own small goal feels like a person, not a helper.
4. **Mentor.** A wise guide. A mentor with a past mistake teaches the hero something they could not learn alone.
5. **Villain.** The main evil force. A villain is scarier when the reader understands what they want.

The parts of a strong character

A backstory: one past event that explains how they act and what they fear. **A goal and a conflict**: what they want, and the outer problem and inner doubt in the way. **A personality**: one core trait and one quirk the reader remembers. **A look**: clothes, posture and one detail that match who they are. **An arc**: how they could change by the end.

Characters across genres

Genre	Typical characters	A detail that helps
Fantasy	Wizards, warriors, elves and mythical beings	What their magic costs them
Sci-Fi	Space explorers, androids, aliens	One piece of technology they rely on
Romance	Love interests and romantic leads	What they are afraid to lose
Thriller	Detectives, spies, criminals	The secret they are hiding
Historical	Period-true people of their time	A job or rule of that period
Supernatural	Vampires, ghosts, otherworldly beings	The one rule their power must follow

From character to story and picture

Start with motivation: what they want most, and what they would do to get it. **Add a flaw**: a weakness or blind spot. **Show relationships**: how they treat others shows who they are. On AIFreeForever, press **Make it an image** under any character to see them drawn, or **Write this story** to meet them in a short story.

Plan your character

Fill this in, then make your character prompts on the Character Prompt Generator.

Your story idea, the role, the genre and the tone

What they want, what stands in the way, and how they could change

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