Character Bio Sheet

1. Basic biographical information-

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| Name: | |  |
| Age: | | Sex: |
| Height | | Weight: |
| Hair color(s): | | Job: |
| Education: |  | |
| Family members: |  | |
| Close friends: |  | |
| Skills: |  | |
| Hobbies: |  | |

1. What is the character’s role in this story? (Main Character, Opponent, Ally, Motivator, Resource, Innocent, Catalyst, Comic Relief, Foil, Love Interest, etc. Pick one or more.)
   * If they are the hero, what about the character makes them the hero of THIS story? (What special traits make them the right person to be the lead in this story?)
2. Strengths and Weaknesses (Characters are often defined by their flaws more than their strengths, so make sure your character is bad at something for everything they’re good at.)
   * What are they best at?
   * What are they worst at?
3. What are the first things people notice about this character when they meet them? (Appearance, style of dress, style of grooming, manner of speech, body language, etc.)
4. What are two Paradoxes about them? (This is a fast way to make characters unique in the minds of readers- give them two things that seem to contradict each other in the minds of the reader. It also adds depth and interest to the character.)
5. What is going to make the audience like or dislike this character? (What about this character is going to make the audience connect with and care about the character? Or, on the other hand, what will make the audience dislike and reject the character? How will you as a writer make that connection with the audience?)
6. What is their overall life goal? (What, if anything, do they want to achieve in their life? What would be a perfect life for this character? What would they be willing to do to get it?)
7. What is their goal in this story? (A character’s story goals generally come down to one of three things: attain, maintain, or lose. This isn’t just physical things, it can be anything- objects, people, habits, money, knowledge, love, courage, safety, security, freedom, spirituality, and so on.)
8. What are their motivations in this story? (Why are they trying to achieve the goal in the story? Why do they endure? What keeps them from giving up and just being a victim?)
9. How does this character connect with the main theme of the story? (This is last, but one of the most important things to know- how does the main character reflect the theme of the story? How does the character represent the life lesson the writer wants the reader to know?)