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# BACKSTORY PROMPTS

Here are some backstory prompts to help you develop your character with any piece of text you may perform in the future!

## Who is your character:

- **Who are they?** Decide on their name, job and what motivates them.
- **Where and when:** Where do they live and what time period are they in? (Past, present, future)
- **Age:** How old are they, and how does their age affect how they see life? (Younger characters may be more hopeful or rebellious while older ones may be more thoughtful or experienced.)
- **Voice:** What does their voice sound like? Do they have an accent or unique way of speaking?
- **Personality:** What are they like? Are they excited, nervous, confident, or unsure? How do they show these traits?



## What does your character want or need?

- **Surface want:** What does your character think they want in the moment?
- **Deeper need:** What is your character's deeper, often hidden, motivation?



## Your personal connection to the character:

- What do you and your character have in common?
- Is there a particular section of the piece that you strongly connect with?

## Character's past:

- What has happened in your character's life before this moment?
- What **key events** might have shaped who they are?
- How do these past experiences influence their current thoughts and actions?
- Who or what inspired them?

## Character's emotional state and journey:

- What are your character's **main emotions** at the start of the piece?
- How do their emotions and perspectives **change** throughout the piece?
- By the end, do they show any personal growth or new understanding?

