

Character Bible Template

CELT X

Use this template to build a practical reference document for your screenplay, pilot, series, novel, or game.

Project Overview

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1. Character Snapshot

*Who is this character in one sentence? What role do they play in the story?
What makes them interesting or specific?*

2. Want, Need, and Fear

*What does the character want on the surface? What do they need emotionally?
What are they most afraid will happen?*

3. Backstory

What past event shaped them? What secret, regret, wound, or belief affects the story now? How does the past show up in present-day behavior?

4. Personality and Behaviour

How do they behave under pressure? How do they show affection, anger, or vulnerability? What contradiction makes them more complex?

5. Dialogue Style

How does this character speak? What do they avoid saying directly? What verbal habits, rhythms, or sample lines define their voice?

Sample Line

6. Key Relationships

Who matters most to them? What do they want from each person? Where is the conflict or unspoken tension?

7. Character Arc

Where do they begin? What tests, changes, or breaks them? Where do they end?

Quick Character Checklist

Can you clearly answer these?

- ☐ What does this character want?
- ☐ What are they hiding or avoiding?
- ☐ How do they speak differently from everyone else?
- ☐ What choice would only this character make?