

Characterization
Going Deeper to Grab Your Reader
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Know your _____ better than you know _____.

Great characters are _____, _____,
_____, _____ and _____.

Your character must have an overriding _____ **and** _____ goal.

Giving your character a secret or secrets helps add _____ and also allows for them to _____.

5) When developing unique characters, consider their physical, _____, _____, _____, eccentricities, fears, phobias, and _____.

When crafting complex characters, avoid making them _____, reveal _____ **and** _____, allow them to make _____ and allow their _____ on occasion to _____ what they believe or value.

Some examples of cliché characters are:

To create imperfect characters:

Look for the _____ attached to their _____.

Create a _____.

Utilize _____ and _____

Reveal their _____ and use it _____
_____ and _____ their inner lie.

Dynamic characters:

_____ then _____ their weakness/weaknesses
_____ something about _____
_____ from their _____
_____ an unexpected _____

Clear and compelling goals tell your readers _____
and _____.

For each POV character you need:

An abstract goal is _____.

The concrete goal is how the character believes they'll reach _____.

Character arcs are usually connected to _____,
_____, and _____. It's the _____
journey as they reach an _____.

An inner lie is something _____ the character believes about
_____.

Examples of inner lies include "I'm:

The black moment is _____ in the character's past that created a

Examples of black moments include:

Examples of arcs include:
