

# Getting Started on Your **NOVEL**

## Lesson 2: Character Questions

*Answer the following questions for your main character. You can also answer them for other important characters.*

1. What is the character's interior **weakness and need**? How will the character confront their weaknesses?
2. What is the character's exterior **desire or goal**? What **actions or decisions** will they make to get what they want?
3. What are the character's **strengths**? How will they come into play in the story?
4. What are the character's **motivations**? WHY do they want what they want?
5. Describe the character's **physical appearance and health**. (Another idea: search magazines or online to find a photo of someone who looks the way you imagine your character might look. Save this image somewhere to refer to later.)
6. What are the character's **core values and beliefs**? What is their overall attitude about life?
7. Describe the character's **status (socioeconomic or otherwise) and abilities**. Where do they fit in society (or in the school/work social world)? What are they good at doing?
8. Describe the character's **behavior and way of speaking/acting**.
9. What was the character's **childhood** like? Does their past have something to do with their current desires and motivations?
10. What does the character **like and dislike**? What causes them to feel **strong emotions**?
11. What are the **important relationships** in your character's life? How do they interact with these people?
12. How would the character **describe themselves to others**? How would others describe them?