

Character Analysis

Each of the following areas must be addressed to better understand your character in order to make important acting choices. Sometimes the screen writer will directly provide the information, more often than not the actor will need to search the text for clues in these areas. Use your imagination and information from the script to answer each of the following.

My personal favorite film/show genre: _____

My personal favorite film/show in that genre: _____

My personal favorite character from that film/show: _____

All the following questions are regarding the CHARACTER you've chosen to focus on:

PHYSICAL

1. Gender
2. Age
3. Body Shape
4. Health
5. Clothing
6. Quirks (scars, nervous ticks etc.)
7. Props or hand-held items

SOCIAL

1. Social Class (lower, middle, upper)
2. Occupation
3. Education (last grade completed, college)
4. Home Life (live alone, with others, married, quality of that existence)
5. Race/Nationality

6. Amusements (hobbies, activities)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Moral Standards (give a hint of what is important to your character)
2. Ambitions (personal goals, dreams)
3. Disappointments (opportunities missed)

VOICE

1. Pitch (high, low, etc.)
2. Quality (raspy, booming, squeaky, etc.)
3. Intonation (monotone, melodic, etc.)
4. Quirks (hiccups, stutters, etc.)