

Character Development

*spend some time fleshing out your characters. **Details matter**, but for now, I want you to simply write and write and enjoy writing for the sake of it; to have fun creating stories.*

Protagonist *is just another word for “main character.” believable characters are human with flaws, just like real people. **Character Arc**... inner change (good or bad).*

Antagonist *is the opposer or combatant working against the protagonist or leading character and creating the main conflict. Not the anti-hero that’s a character who lacks bravery or heroic qualities.*

Establish a character’s motivations

Choose a voice. Who will be telling the story? 1st person: main character (Personal) 3rd person: narrator (outside the action).

Slow reveal *not everything at once not slow either*

Create conflict. Pits opposing forces against each other, most often involving the main character.

Might be **Internal** personal conflict overcome personal weakness. **External:** Antagonist threatening protagonist.

Give important characters a backstory. *We all have one. Not oall of this will make it to the page but will help you write the character.*

Describe character personality in familiar terms makes them believable