

Character Development Worksheet (Adapted from Uta Hagen's "Nine Questions")

Uta Hagen, a well-known German-born American actress and drama teacher, who taught acting at the Herbert Berghof Studio in New York, developed the following questions for actors to define and develop the characters they portray. In the research phase of your writing, use these questions, adapted from, Uta Hagen's "Nine Questions" to clearly define the character of your avatar with as many specific details as possible.

#	Questions	Question Details	Answers to the Nine Questions and Detailed Notes
1	Who is your character?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name, nickname, alias • Age, date and place of birth • Relatives, key relationships, enemies • Likes, dislikes, favorites, hobbies • Fears • Skills, education, career • Opinions, morality, ethics, beliefs, religion • Origins • Sociological influences • Appearance/physical traits: height, weight, measurements, hair color, hair length, hairstyle, eye color, jewelry, tattoos/marks, etc. • Words, language, style of speech 	
2	What time is it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Century • Season • Year, Day, Minute, Significance of Time 	
3	Where is your character?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country • City • Neighborhood • Home • Room • Area of room 	
4	What surrounds your character?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animate and inanimate objects-complete details of environment 	
5	What are your character's given circumstances?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past, present, future of <u>all</u> of the events 	
6	What are your character's relationships?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relation to total events, other characters, and to things 	
7	What does your character want?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character's wants and needs • Character's motivations • The immediate and main objective 	
8	What is in your character's way?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacles which prevent character from getting his/her wants and needs 	
9	What does your character have to do to get what he/she wants?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The action(s): physical and verbal, also-action verbs 	