

# World Book Day Character Backstories

Often, when actors take on a role, or authors are writing, they need to know more about the character they are playing or writing about so they can really get into the mind of the character. The background of a character is called a 'backstory' and this can include things that have happened in the past to the character as well as insights into their deeper character.

Choose a character from a book (or invent your own) and answer the questions below about them. Some things you may know, some you can speculate from things you know and some things you can use your imagination for. Draw or stick your character in the middle and off you go...

Their dream job is...

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Their favourite holiday destination is...

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Their birthday is...

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Favourite type of music...

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Three nicknames that they have...

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Favourite TV show...

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What they do to relax...

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Three things on their bucket list...

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Who else is in their family...

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Something that happened in the past that made them stronger...

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What scares them?

\_\_\_\_\_

Their happiest memory is...

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What worries them?

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Now find someone and ask them what their character would do in certain situations. What adventure might your character have with you friend's character? (You've got the makings of a story!)