



Write to Reveal Character Checklist

True character can only be revealed by action. At the same time, the reader must be aware of the mental and emotional responses of the character prior to the action. Here is a checklist of things to consider when creating your characters.

1. Conflict with the environment reveals character.
2. Self-discovery and self-realization reveal character.
3. Motivated action reveals character.
4. The use of character tags reveals character.
 - i. Physical Attributes
 - ii. General Appearance
 - iii. Mannerisms
 - iv. Habits
 - v. Favorite Expressions
5. Emphasizing a single dominant character trait for minor characters reveal character.
6. Contrasting characters help reveal character.
7. Names help reveal character.
8. Conflict reveals character.
9. Moments of truth reveal character.
10. Confession reveals character.
11. Giving a person a choice to make reveals character.
12. Reveal character by exposition (writing or speaking that explains).
13. Reveal character through description.
14. Reveal character through narration.
15. Reveal character through the character's action.