

Origins

Characters can come from a variety of sources. You should feel free to generate your own and determine its corresponding Background, with the Storyteller's approval.

Aboriginal: Instead of being raised in a "developed" nation such as those of Europe or the United States, you had the traditional upbringing of a low-tech society.

Examples: Australian Aborigine, Bedouin, Inuit, Pygmy

Background Options: Cipher or Menagerie

Activist: You're a proponent of new, modern politics.

Examples: Anarchist, Suffragette, Communist, Fascist

Background Options: Influence or Reputation

Academic: You're a scholar from a long line of scholars - education and knowledge have always been important to you.

Examples: Scientist, Teacher, Librarian, Monk

Background Options: Backing or Sanctum.

Affluent: Connoisseur of fine things.

Examples: Idle Rich, Executive, Dilettante

Artist/Creator: You're an artist or entertainer of some sort or another, earning your living by making others laugh, think or simply relax.

Examples: Artist, Dancer, Circus Acrobat, Painter, Stage Magician, Musician

Background Options: Influence or Reputation

Criminal: You have broken the law and are possibly hunted for it.

Examples: jailbird, mafioso, drug dealer, pimp, carjacker, thug, thief, fence

Defender: You crusade against society's wrongs.

Examples: Muckraker, Politician, Police Officer, Missionary

Background Options: Contacts or influence.

Drifter: You travel from place to place with no home of your own.

Examples: Bum, Smuggler, Prostitute, Junkie, Pilgrim, Biker, Gambler

Entertainer: You seek to amuse or bring joy to others.

Examples: Musician, Film Star, Artist, Club Kid, Model

Foreigner: You're not in your home country for one reason or another, whether to start a new life or to escape your old one.

Examples: Diplomat, Immigrant, Royalty in Exile

Background Options: Allies or Resources.

Gambler: Risk is what makes life palatable.

Examples: Cardsharp, Bookie, Stuntman, Barnstormer, Thrillseeker, Irreverent, Youth

Background Options: Contacts or Mentor.

Hermit: Cast adrift in the universe

Examples: Vagabond, Recluse, Scarred Veteran

High Class: You come from wealth and are used to commanding great financial resources.

Examples: Duchess, Business Tycoon, Eccentric Millionaire

Background Options: Followers or Resources,

Intellectual: You seek knowledge.

Examples: Writer, Student, Scientist, Philosopher, Social Critic

Investigator: You search for the truth

Examples: detective, beat cop, government agent, private eye, witch-hunter

Kid: A child to the world, you are either very young or you know little

Examples: Child, Runaway, Outcast, Urchin, Gangbanger

Low Class: Your whole life has been a struggle to keep shoes on your feet and a roof over your head.

Examples: Revolutionary, Criminal, Laborer

Background Options: Cipher or Contacts

Middle Class: You had an average upbringing, with some hard times and some luxuries.

Examples: Chauffeur, Police Officer, Greengrocer, Accountant

Background Options: Ally or Contacts.

Military: You're enlisted in (or possibly retired from) some form of armed service, or you were the child of military personnel and were raised in that disciplined milieu.

Examples: Sailor, Soldier, Pilot, Mercenary

Background Options: Backing or Followers

Mystery: Your past is shrouded in conjecture or is entirely blank, either deliberately or due to some vagary of fate.

Examples: Spy, Fugitive, Amnesiac, Orphan

Background Options: Cipher or Nemesis

Nightlifer: You party your life away.

Examples: Clubgoer, Skinhead, Punk, Barfly, Raver, Substance Abuser

Nobody: Just and average, everyday person

Background: Student, Working Stiff, Grunt

Outlaw: Somehow you have ended up on the wrong side of the authorities.

Examples: Mobster, Bank Robber, Fugitive, Smuggler

Background Options: Contacts or Reputation.

Outsider: Fallen through the cracks of society.

Examples: Slummer, Dispossessed, Neurotic, Urban Primitive, Refugee, Minority, Conspiracy Theorist

Philosopher: Occupied with matters of the mind.

Examples: Dreamer, Idealist, Student, Scientist, Poet, Theorist

Background Options: Followers or Sanctum

Pioneer: You push at the world's boundaries.

Examples: Artist, inventor, Explorer, Researcher, Trailblazer, Environmentalist

Background Options: Gadget or Reputation.

Politician: You either seek public office or have held it.

Examples: Judge, Public Official, Councilor, Aide, Speechwriter

Professional: You are a pro, the consument professional.

Examples: Engineer, Doctor, Computer Programmer, Lawyer, Industrialist

Protector: One who cares for others

Examples: Police, Doctor, Missionary, Teacher

Rebel: Shaking up the status quo

Examples: Criminal, Gang Member, Politician

Reporter: You seek to inform others about the world

Examples: Journalist, News Reporter, Paparazzo, Talk-Show Host, 'Zine Editor, Blogger

Saint: You do good works or studiously avoid wickedness.

Examples: Priest, Moralizer, Samaritan, Theologian, Visionary

Background Options: Followers or influence.

Scholar: Learning is its own reward

Examples: Professor, Theorist, scientist

Socialite: You rub elbows with the rich, the famous and the powerful.

Examples: Dilettante, Host, Playboy, Sycophant, Prominent Spouse

Soldier: A member of the armed services

Examples: Bodyguard, Enforcer, Mercenary, Soldier Of Fortune, Green Beret, Navy Seal

Tinkerer: Not only do you find out what makes things tick, you make them tick better.

Examples: Mechanic, Watchmaker, inventor

Background Options: Gadget or Sanctum

Warrior: Conflict draws you.

Example: Vigilante, Soldier, Soldier of Fortune, Crusader

Worker: You toil for the good of others.

Trucker, Farmer, Wage Earner, Manservant, Construction Laborer