

FANTASY WRITE-IN

**Welcome! We will be
beginning shortly.**



The ProWritingAid Write-In

CRAFTING YOUR FANTASY CHARACTER



Hi, I'm Sarah!

How to craft a fantasy character?

In the realm of fantasy literature, characters aren't just words on a page; they are the lifeblood of our stories. They wield the power to transport us beyond the mundane and into realms where magic dances on the wind and dragons soar across twilight skies.

Fantasy characters possess a unique allure, drawing readers into their journeys with irresistible magnetism. But what is it about these characters that keeps us spellbound? It's their complexity, their humanity (or inhumanity), and their capacity to reflect universal truths in extraordinary ways.

They may grapple with destiny, confront ancient evils, or discover hidden powers within themselves. Yet, amidst the fantastical, they remain deeply relatable—flawed, courageous, and driven by desires that echo our own.



Examples of Fantasy Characters

Character: Lucy Pevensie

Lucy Pevensie, from C.S. Lewis's "The Chronicles of Narnia" series, embodies a great fantasy character through her innocence, courage, and unwavering belief in Narnia. Her sense of wonder invites readers into the magical world, while her empathy and compassion towards its inhabitants showcase her kindness. Lucy's growth throughout the series reflects universal themes of self-discovery and resilience.

Which universal theme does your character represent?



Character: Jaime Lannister

Jaime Lannister from George R.R. Martin's "A Song of Ice and Fire" is memorable for his complex evolution. Initially perceived as arrogant and morally ambiguous due to kingslaying, Jaime's character undergoes profound development. His internal conflicts challenge traditional heroic archetypes, revealing layers of vulnerability and redemption.

What transformations will your character undergo? How will they challenge what we know about fantasy character types?



Character: Gandalf

Gandalf, featured in J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings," stands out for his wisdom, strength, and enigmatic nature. As a wizard, Gandalf plays a pivotal role in guiding and inspiring the Fellowship of the Ring with his deep knowledge of Middle-earth's history. His selfless acts, such as confronting the Balrog to protect his companions, exemplify courage and unwavering dedication to defeating evil.

What key personality traits make your character stand out?



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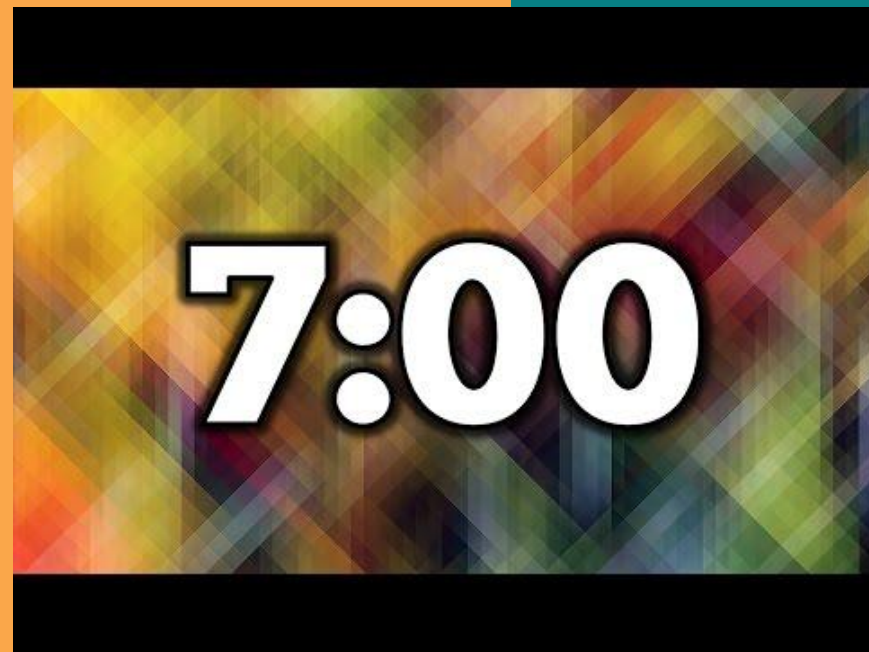
Writing Prompts



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Prompt 1

Introduce your fantasy character in 50 words or less. This quick exercise is designed to get you warmed up and thinking about what kind of character you want to work on as we go through our next series of exercises.



Prompt 2

Describe what your character looks like.

Consider what clothes they wear and what their body shape might be. Think about the finer details, like facial features and hair colour. Don't forget to add any additional unique elements like scars, tattoos, or any weapons they might always carry.

If you finish before the time's up, try adding details about their body language and personality traits.



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Prompt 3

Write the backstory for your character. This story should tell how your character got to where they are at the beginning of your novel. What were the defining moments of their life so far? What are their relationships like?



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Prompt 4

Let your character speak. Write a conversation between your character and another figure from your story (or from their backstory). Aim to reveal character dynamics, motivations, and tension through the dialogue.

You can also show their personality and add some description in there as well, if you want.

Have fun with this and let your imagination flow through the characters' words!