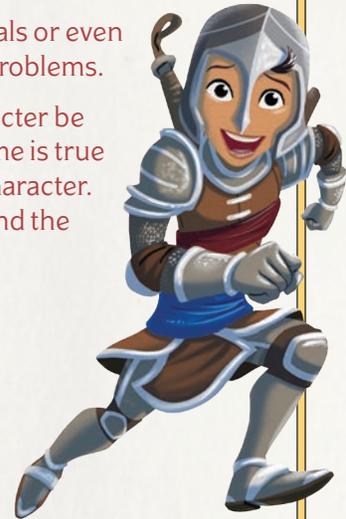


CHARACTERS CREATE STORIES

Stories are all about the characters. Characters in a story are usually people, but they can be animals or even made-up creatures. Sometimes, they have special traits or magical powers that help them solve problems.

When you write a story, you usually start by thinking about your character's traits. Will your character be brave or smart? Will they have fighting skills or magical powers? What will they look like? The same is true in the world of Dungeons & Dragons (D&D for short). In the game, you get to choose your own character. Your character must work with other characters to perform tasks and solve problems. How you and the others do that will affect what happens in the story.



Ready to start your own D&D-inspired adventure?

PART 1 Who will your character be?

1. Read the Character Overview handout. Then, circle which character type you would like to be:

cleric fighter paladin rogue wizard

2. What does your character look like? Describe their clothing, eyes, hair, height, etc. Then draw a picture of your character on the back of this sheet.

3. In D&D, the characters use skills that fall into these categories:

- **Strength** – measures physical power
- **Constitution** – measures endurance
- **Wisdom** – measures perception and insight
- **Dexterity** – measures ability to move quickly and skillfully
- **Intelligence** – measures reasoning and memory
- **Charisma** – measures personality

Choose one of the skills above and write about how your character would use it to their advantage. For example, maybe your character is a **fighter** and **strength** would allow them to lift a strong and powerful sword.

PART 2 1. Now you're ready to create a character profile. Complete the chart below to bring your character to life!

Epic Name	
Distinguishing Feature	
Positive Trait	
Skills	
Greatest Strength	
Main Weakness	
Personal Ideal or Goal	

2. Use a separate sheet of paper to write a brief backstory, or story about your character's past. For example, how old is your character? Do they come from a big city or a small farm? Do they have brothers, sisters, or pets? Have they been on any adventures before? Has something sad or exciting happened in their life before? Once that's done, you'll be ready for action!

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