



# DRAMA

## CHARACTER ROLES

### REFERENCE POSTER



EVERY ROLE HELPS TELL THE STORY

ROLE TYPE	WHAT THEY DO	EXAMPLE QUESTIONS
 <p><b>PROTAGONIST</b> The main character. Drives the story forward.</p>	<p>Faces a goal, challenge or problem. Makes key decisions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do they want?</li> <li>• What obstacles do they face?</li> <li>• How do they change?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>ANTAGONIST</b> Opposes the protagonist. Creates conflict.</p>	<p>Stands in the way of the protagonist. May have their own reasons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do they want?</li> <li>• Why do they oppose?</li> <li>• Are they purely "bad"?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>SUPPORTING CHARACTER</b> Supports the protagonist or adds to the story.</p>	<p>Helps, guides, or challenges. Adds depth and information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do they help?</li> <li>• What is their relationship to others?</li> <li>• What would the story miss without them?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>SIDEKICK / ALLY</b> The protagonist's helper or partner.</p>	<p>Encourages, assists, or protects. Often loyal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What strengths do they bring?</li> <li>• How do they support the protagonist?</li> <li>• What is their loyalty tested by?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>MENTOR</b> Teaches, advises, or prepares the protagonist.</p>	<p>Shares wisdom, training, or guidance. Helps growth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What lesson do they teach?</li> <li>• How do they influence the protagonist?</li> <li>• Do they change?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>MESSENGER</b> Delivers news or information.</p>	<p>Brings important information or a call to action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What message do they bring?</li> <li>• How does it change the story?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>TRICKSTER / COMIC RELIEF</b> Adds humour or lightness.</p>	<p>Entertains, teases, or breaks tension. Reveals truth.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do they add humour?</li> <li>• Do they reveal something important?</li> <li>• How do they affect others?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>SPECTATOR / CHORUS</b> Represents the audience or group.</p>	<p>Comments, reacts, or reflects themes. Sets context.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do they observe?</li> <li>• What do they think or feel?</li> <li>• What do they reveal about the theme?</li> </ul>

#### GOOD CHARACTERS ARE...



BELIEVABLE



MOTIVATED



MULTI-DIMENSIONAL



CONSISTENT



ABLE TO CHANGE

#### REMEMBER TO CONSIDER...

- GOALS**  
What do they want?
- CONFLICT**  
What stands in their way?
- RELATIONSHIPS**  
How do they connect with others?
- CHANGE**  
How do they grow or change?
- IMPACT**  
How do they affect the story?