

Character Questions

Here are a few questions to help you begin to understand who your character is. Nobody can really answer these questions but you. Playwrights and directors can make suggestions, but you need to make these decisions for yourself. Be specific. Be honest. And remember these are just a suggested beginning. What other questions can you think of that might help you understand who your character is?

- 1) What is your character's full name?
- 2) How old are you?
- 3) What do you do for a living? How much do you make a year?

- 4) Where do you live? What do you drive? What kind of music do you listen to? What do you do for fun? What do you do to relieve stress? What kinds of movies do you like? What kinds of books do you read? What is your favorite color? Favorite food? Favorite place? Favorite memory?

- 5) Where has your character come from when the play begins? What happened in the moments before the audience first meets you?

- 6) What is the most important thing in your characters's life? In one sentence, what would your character describe as the most important thing in life?

- 7) If you have a "significant other" in the play (a spouse, a partner, an employee, a parent) how do you feel about that person? What are some of the events in your past that have led to these feelings?