CHARACTER VOICE WORKSHEET

Hi, friends!

Below is a simple copy of my character voice worksheet. It's not an exhaustive process, but it's one I use when I'm having a tough time laying the foundation for how my characters sound in dialogue and narration.

This PDF was kept simple so folks who use my novel planning guide can slip them into the Character section seamlessly, but of course, they can also be used on their own.

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Happy writing! -Cee

STEP ONE: DESIGN A SETTING

Choose a setting 1) from your WIP, 2) from a room in your home, or 3) from a place you make up for the purpose of this exercise. Describe that setting in detail below. You can also draw it, if you like!

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STEP TWO: LOOK THROUGH YOUR CHARACTER'S EYES

Who is this character?

What would they notice about this setting?

What would they find most interesting?

What would they like about this setting?

What would they dislike about this setting?

STEP THREE: FIND YOUR CHARACTER'S SPEECH PATTERNS

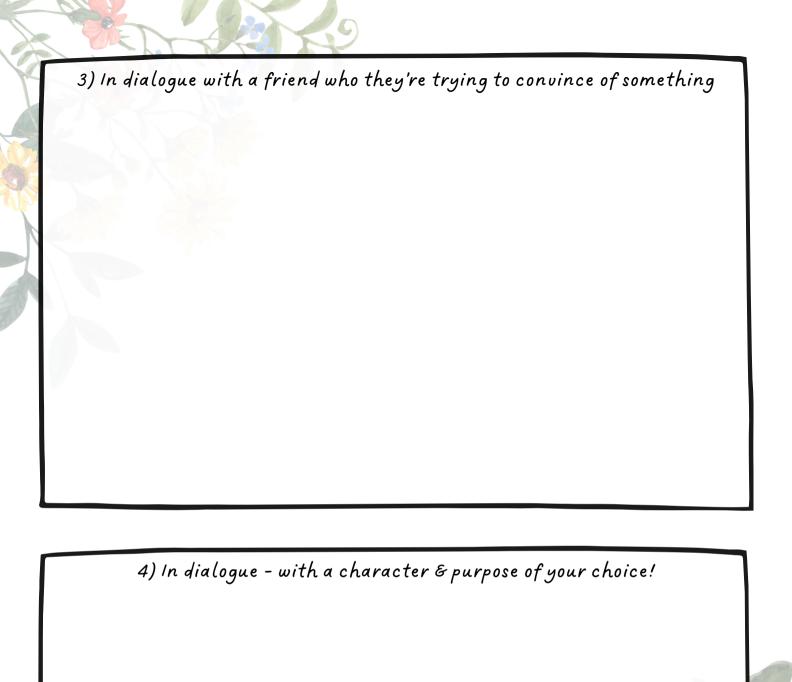
Is your character verbose or taciturn? Do they use metaphor and hyperbole, or are they literal and direct? Do they use foul language? When? What do they say? Are there any words or phrases they often use? Which ones? In what context? If you could compare their voice to any character or person from media you enjoy, which would it be? (This will be most helpful if you can watch videos of this person speaking to better capture their speech patterns) What would your character say if they were surprised? Angry? Ecstatic? etc.

STEP FOUR: PRACTICE

Using the information you jotted in the worksheets above, use your character to describe the setting in the following ways:

1) As the POV character in narration when they're happy to be here

2) As the POV character in narration when they're furious



FREE SPACE!

