

## Materials Needed:

- Notebook or paper
  - Pencil or pen
  - Optional: Colored pencils or markers
  - Optional: Access to examples of anime character designs (online or books, use safely!)
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## Lesson: Create Your Own Anime Character!

Hey there! Anime worlds are filled with amazing characters, right? From brave heroes to complex villains, strong mentors to funny sidekicks. Today, you get to be the creator! We're going to design and write about your very own original anime-style character (often called an OC or Original Character).

### Step 1: Brainstorming - The Spark!

Think about your favorite anime. What kinds of characters do you find most interesting? What roles do they play? Let's brainstorm some basic ideas for *\*your\** character:

- **Role:** Hero, villain, anti-hero, mentor, sidekick, student, adventurer, magical being?
- **Basic Concept:** What's their main thing? (e.g., A determined swordfighter seeking justice, a shy mage learning to control their powers, a futuristic pilot of a giant robot, a quirky artist who brings drawings to life?)
- **Setting Hint:** Does your character belong in a fantasy world, a sci-fi future, a modern school, a historical setting?

Jot down some initial ideas. Don't worry about details yet, just get the core concept down.

### Step 2: Developing the Details - Bringing Them to Life!

Now, let's flesh out your character. Think about these key areas and write detailed descriptions for each. Use strong adjectives and sensory details (what they see, hear, feel, maybe even smell like!).

- **Appearance:** What do they look like? Be specific! Consider:
    - Hair style and color (spiky blue? long, flowing silver? twin tails?)
    - Eye shape and color (large and expressive? sharp and focused? unusual color?)
    - Build (tall, short, muscular, slender?)
    - Clothing style (uniform, traditional robes, futuristic gear, casual wear? Any specific colors or symbols?)
    - Distinguishing features (scars, tattoos, accessories like glasses or jewelry, animal ears/tail?)
  - **Personality:** How do they act? What are their key traits? Are they...
    - Brave, timid, arrogant, humble, cheerful, gloomy, serious, goofy, calm, hot-headed?
    - What are their likes and dislikes?
    - What are their fears?
    - What is a key mannerism or habit they have (e.g., always adjusting their glasses, fiddling with their hair, using a catchphrase)?
  - **Backstory (Origin Story!):** Where do they come from? What major events shaped them? Keep it brief for now, but hint at their past.
    - Family background?
    - A significant event (tragic, inspiring, mysterious)?
    - What led them to their current situation or goal?
  - **Abilities/Skills/Powers:** What can they *\*do\**? Be creative!
    - Special powers (magic, psychic abilities, super strength)?
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- Exceptional skills (master swordfighter, genius strategist, tech wizard, expert martial artist)?
- Unique talents (amazing cook, incredible singer, animal tamer)?
- Are there limitations or weaknesses to their abilities? (This makes them more interesting!)
- **Goals/Motivations:** What drives your character? What do they want to achieve?
  - Revenge, protecting loved ones, finding knowledge, becoming the best, seeking adventure, just surviving?

### **Step 3: Writing the Character Profile**

Organize all the details you brainstormed into a clear, well-written character profile. Use paragraphs for each section (Appearance, Personality, Backstory, Abilities, Goals). Try to make the writing flow and paint a clear picture of your character for the reader. Read it aloud to catch awkward phrasing.

### **Step 4: Optional - Draw Your Character!**

If you enjoy drawing, grab your colored pencils or markers and bring your character to life visually based on the description you wrote!

### **Wrap-up:**

Great job! You've just created a unique character ready to star in their own story. Creating compelling characters is a huge part of writing. Think about how you could use this character in a short story or even just a single exciting scene.