

This is a revised list of basic points of knowledge that I used to assist in developing my persona. Most of the items are everyday information and household words...none of these questions, when asked, would be considered a “stumper” for the person being asked. Remember, we are portraying minor-to-mid level nobility with at least a rudimentary education and literacy/numeracy. This is intended as a tool for you to find the answers and to integrate them into your persona portrayal in order o “feel more like yourself” in persona.

- 1. What is your persona’s name?**
- 2. What year was your persona born?**
- 3. What is your persona’s native country?**
- 4. What is your persona’s current country?**
- 5. What are the climates of your persona's native and current countries?**
- 6. What are the terrains of your persona's native and current countries?**
- 7. In what city/town/barn was your persona born?**
- 8. What city does your persona currently claim as "home"?**
- 9. What are/were your persona’s parents’ names?**
- 10. What are/were your persona’s parents’ occupation(s)?**
- 11. Does your persona have any siblings, and if so, are any still alive?**
- 12. Is your persona married?**
- 13. What are the marriage customs and typical age of marriage for your persona's culture/time-frame?**
- 14. What type of building does your persona currently live in?**
- 15. With whom does your persona live?**
- 16. Are there members of your persona's household that are not related to your persons**
- 17. Were pets kept during your persona’s culture/time-frame? If so, what kind, if any, does your persona have?**
- 18. What is your persona’s occupation?**
- 19. How old is your persona?**

- 20. How long do people like your persona tend to live?**
- 21. What is your persona's ethnicity?**
- 22. Who is your persona's current employer?**
- 23. Would your persona have been literate in your chosen culture/time-frame?**
- 24. What level of education does your persona have?**
- 25. Where was your persona educated?**
- 26. What languages does your persona speak?**
- 27: What are the weights and measures you use in daily life?**
- 28. What type of money did people of your persona's culture/time-frame use?**
- 29. What kind of legal system exists in your persona's culture/time-frame, and who make the laws?**
- 30. What is the status of women among your persona's culture/time-frame, and can they own property or conduct business?**
- 31. What major events have occurred during your persona's lifetime? (Natural catastrophes, wars, revolutions, discoveries, etc.?)**
- 32. Does your persona fight? If so, where did your persona learn to fight?**
- 33 What type of armour and weapons were used by fighters in your persona's culture/time-frame? And how were such obtained?**
- 34. List your persona's skills and hobbies. For each, write down where your persona learned them.**
- 35. What "class" is your persona? (I.e., royalty, nobility, merchant, middle, artisan, slave, etc.)**
- 36. How widely has your persona traveled?**
- 37. In what capacity has your persona traveled? (I.e., military, sailor, rich person's hobby, etc.)**
- 38. Who is your persona's current monarch?**
- 39. If you're persona is Catholic/ Eastern Orthodox-Who is the current Pope during your persona's time? If your persona is NOT Catholic, who is your Primary spiritual leader/influence?**

40. What religion is your persona?
41. What kind of religious duties would be required of your persona?
42. How did people of your persona's culture/time-frame deal with trade?
43. With respect to international relations, does your persona favor colonization, isolationism, conquest/conversion, open trade, etc.?
44. How does your persona personally obtain goods (food, drink, clothes, etc.)?
45. How did people of your persona's culture/time-frame tell time?
46. How did people of your persona's culture/time-frame keep track of days?
47. What type of clothes does your persona normally wear?
48. What type of clothes does your persona wear for special occasions?
49. Are there any (sumptuary) laws restricting what your persona can wear?
50. What does your persona eat in a normal day?
51. How is food prepared and preserved in your persona's culture/time-frame?
52. What spices were available to your persona and how expensive were they?
53. What were the eating habits of people of your persona's culture/time-frame?
54. What are the cleaning/bathing habits of your persona's culture/time-frame?
55. What types of wildlife live in your persona's area?
56. Name your persona's favorite musicians/artists/dances.
57. What political figure/party/movement does your persona support?
58. Who is the most significant thinker of your persona's time?
59. What does your persona consider to be the greatest social problem their country?
60. What is most likely to cause your persona's death?
61. What type of medical aid is available in your persona's culture/time-frame, and does your persona have access to it?

- 62. List at least three of your persona's goals in life. (Learn to write, become apprenticed to a craftsman, visit the "big city",**
- 63. What does your persona know of history/science/medicine/geography?**
- 64. What's the most striking scientific achievement of which your persona is aware?**
- 65. Does your persona consider the Earth to be flat, round, or hollow?**
- 66. Does your persona believe that the Earth revolves around the Sun, or vice-versa?**
- 67. What does your persona consider to be the causes of criminal behavior?**
- 68. What does your persona consider to be the true measure of a man?**
- 69. Who has most influenced your persona's thoughts on these questions?**
- 70. Did your persona's culture/time-frame have heraldry?**