



Crafting a Strong RPG Character Backstory – 5 Questions To Consider

Full video link: <https://youtu.be/6eTMYqQogg0>

How to make a good backstory. That actually helps you roleplay better.

- Complex backstory fails
 - Your GM doesn't have a flawless memory nor time to read 1000 words. Keep it simple & clear.

A few questions to answer to make a good backstory:

- Where was the PC born?
 - This is a complicated question.
 - Ask your GM for local lore/curiosities/names.
 - Who looked after you? Provide 1 name, 1 place, 1 incident.
 - What was the situation like in the space that they were born?
 - How do you feel about it? I am filled with dread, I miss the old days, I am carefree...
- How were you educated?
 - On the streets, in a school, private tutors, watching YouTube videos...?
 - What was the influence of that education upon you?
 - Life education – how you learned to survive as a being in your world – scholastic, emotional, survival, sexual, spiritual, social etc.
 - Your class isn't your education. Why your PC became an adventurer isn't linked to your education.
 - Add in one name – it gives your GM options to build into your backstory and links it to you.
- What was your first job?
 - How did you earn a living before becoming an adventurer?
 - How did they make money? What did they spend time on?
 - How did it make you feel? More clues for you and the GM.



