

Pre-writing Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out. Please be honest and hold nothing back. Some questions require only one-word answers, but elaborate when possible. All answers will be kept confidential . . . until I write your story, of course, but I promise not to judge and, if Muse allows, to give you a happily ever after.

Full Name:	Nickname:
What time is it when you're filling this out? Where are you?	What are you wearing?

Section 1

Date of birth/age:

Zodiac sign:

Address:

Race/ethnic background/nationality:

- Are your family members still bound to their culture?

-What cultural celebrations do you still observe?

Place of birth:

Places lived:

Height:

Weight/body build/body type:

Hair color/texture:

Eye color:

Wear makeup:

Tattoos/piercings/scars:

Fav cologne/perfume:

Wear glasses/contacts:

Smoke:

Fav Alcohol:

Nervous habits/mannerisms:

Quirks/eccentricities:

Leader or follower:

Optimist or pessimist:

Introvert or extrovert:

Confident or self-conscious:

Clothes/shoes/accessories:

-What's in your closet?

Eating tastes:

Health issues/disabilities/handicaps:

Section 2

Job/occupation:

How did you get your job?

Who do you work with?

-Who do you get along with at work?

-Who don't you get along with?

How does work benefit you?

What did you learn in order to do your job?

-Who taught you?

Education:

Fav subject in school:

Special training/talent/skill:

Salary:

Social class:

Views on money/spending habits:

Previous jobs:

Section 3

Hobbies:

Sports:

Best way to spend a weekend:

Best time in life so far:

-Greatest success:

Ways to cheer you up:

Ways that annoy you:

-What gets you into a blind rage?

What is a normal day like?

Live with:

Fight with:

Spend time with:

Who depends on you?

Most hated activities:

Most enjoyed activities:

Attitude toward

-Self:

-Others:

-Friendship:

-Sex:

-Love:

-Family

-Marriage:

-Country:

-World:

Section 4

Religious beliefs:

- Strength of belief:
- Beliefs held dear:
- Beliefs rejected:

When will you

- Cheat:
- Lie:
- Tell the truth even if it will cost you:
- Stand up for what's right:
- Remain silent when you see something is wrong:

What's the worst thing you've ever done to someone and why?

What, if anything, would you change about your life?

What personal demons haunt you?

Fears/phobias:

Most traumatic event:

- What caused it?
- Who caused it?
- How has this changed you?
- What would you've done differently?
- After this event did you change the way you live your life?

What's the best thing you've ever done?

- Was this moment private or public?
- Any repercussions, positive or negative?
- How did this moment change you?
- Does it still affect you today?

Do you embarrass easily?

Most embarrassing moment:

What are you most grateful for?

What do you care about most in the world?

Do you have a secret?

- Who knows about it?

Do you, or some one/thing, control your life?

When you tell a story, do you often exaggerate or embellish it?

Section 5

Vehicle:

Weapon of choice:

Pets:

Most important possession:

Last movie watched:

Last book read:

Fav TV show:

Last TV show watched:

Last game played:

Fav quote:

List three to five things you carry or keep with you at all times:

What was the last thing you ate?

Describe your last dream:

Last time you cried:

Last time you laughed:

What's your fav

- Food

- Color

- Activity

- Place

- Song

- Movie

- Book

- Family member

- Possession

- Game

- Animal/pet

- Amusement park ride

- Season

- Place in the house

Section 6

Parents' names:

- Occupations:

What's important to the people who raised you?

Economic/social status growing up:

Siblings:

- Current relationship:

- Birth order:

Friends:

Best Friend:

- What's the most important event you two shared?

- Where do you spend time together?

- What don't you like about each other?

- How/where did you meet?

Enemies:

- How did this hatred begin?

- Is it mutual?

- Public or private hatred:

- Hot or cold hatred:

- Justified or unjustified hatred:

How forgiving are you?

Sexual orientation:

Marital status:

Significant other:

Children/ages:

How much dating experience do you have?

- How many sexual partners?
- Do you wish to have had more or less?

Do you like flirting?

Section 7

What is your need/goal?

- What caused it?
- Who knows about it?
- When did it begin?
- Why is it important to you?
- How will you meet it?

Are you motivated to avoid pain or seek pleasure?

- What pain do you fear most?
- What pleasure do you desire most?

Have you tried to meet this need/goal in the past?

- What habits have sprung out of search for this need?
- What daily events does this need affect?

Does the fact that you've never done something before increase or decrease its appeal?

What present day failure do you struggle against?

What present day lies have you told?

Section 8

Do you consider your own mortality?

What about the mortality of others?

Do you fear death?

If you could choose the manner of your death, what would it be?

How do you risk your life?

- Is this voluntary or under duress?
- Is this on a daily basis?

Do you avoid risk?

Do you value life?

- Your own?
- Others?

Who is the first person whose death you felt as a loss?

- How did this death occur?
- How did you hear about it?
- How old were you when it happened?
- Could it have been prevented?
- How did the loss affect you at the time?
- And now?

Section 9

How would you react to

- Inheriting \$1 million:
- Being fired:

- Meeting an old friend or enemy not seen for years:
- Having or raising children:
- Being mugged:
- An unexpected kindness or compliment:
- A serious illness:
- A flat tire on the expressway:

Section 10

How do you greet people?

How do you answer questions?

Do you make questions or statements?

Section 11

Write me a letter. Tell me how do you want to be portrayed in the story.

Can I peek into your diary? I'd like to read three entries written on different days, dealing with different events and emotions.