



WORKSHOP
“Mary Sue Test”

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Marty, 5:00:14 PM

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Hey everyone, welcome to the Mary Sue Test workshop. If you wish to simply take the test and see how any of your characters do you can go here: <http://springhole.net/writing/marysue.htm>

It is very extensive with detail about almost all things character development and sometimes I find that it offers questions to parts of your characters biography that you may not have considered.

There are the following parts:

Part 1 All Characters, asking nearly every question imaginable about nearly every aspect of your character.

Part 2 Original Fiction Characters, 3 questions about Uberness, skills and romance.

Part 3 Fan Characters & Newcomers, so characters that have connections with canon characters.

Part 4 RPG Characters, asking for RPG type situations.

Part 5 De-suifiers, so general characteristics that make the character's weaknesses a stronger part of the character.

A Mary Sue for those who don't know is a character given or expected to be given unwarranted preferential treatment and unearned respect, thereby compromising the integrity and believability of the story and or characters.

Please at the bottom are links to other character development tools and sites listed that could be of help to you for enhancing your characters further.

Is anyone checking the test out?

[PF] Ironjawa, 5:08:43 PM

yes

I am

Ensign Chloe Waters (ND, SB118), 5:09:02 PM

I have it open but will look later

Marty, 5:09:28 PM

I couldn't copy and paste any of it into here sadly. I would have if I could.

Ensign Chloe Waters (ND, SB118), 5:09:32 PM

Thanks for the link

[BF] The Captain | CRO, 5:09:37 PM

im looking at the test now, quite extensive but also very interesting

[OF/RPG Discord] Phoenix Lalor, 5:11:52 PM

18 woohoo

Marty, 5:11:53 PM

I like how it explains things and gives reference links to help you

[OF/RPG Discord] Phoenix Lalor, 5:12:11 PM

I knew it Phoenix is not a Mary Sue

[OF]Harrington, 5:12:30 PM

I am not sure I wanna do that test now 😊

Ensign Chloe Waters (ND, SB118), 5:12:43 PM

Chloe is not either

Marty, 5:13:10 PM

I foresee many of you not having a mary sue as you all are excellent writers

[OF/RPG Discord] Phoenix Lalor, 5:13:10 PM

If I do it for Shae it might be less

Marty, 5:14:37 PM

you all enjoy the mission development process and love interacting with fellow players to seek quick fixes

Lia, 5:15:31 PM

Commander Lia Holmes is not a Mary Sue, she maybe many things but she isn't a Mary Sue.

Marty, 5:16:03 PM

CO or XO?

[OF/RPG Discord] Phoenix Lalor, 5:16:56 PM

Hehehe

Lia, 5:17:29 PM

Chief Security Officer/Tactical Officer

Mecha meme, 5:17:37 PM

Good lord that test took a long time

Came out with a score of 10 though, so I'm pretty ok with that

Marty, 5:19:13 PM

were any of them not something you had thought about for your character?

Mecha meme, 5:19:36 PM

Oh yeah, for one thing it asked about if I had researched the long term effects of trauma on my character

That was something I had never really thought to do, so I've decided to do some reading on it

Marty, 5:20:38 PM

emotional, physical and or mental?

Mecha meme, 5:21:26 PM

All 3, and it's taken the guy years just to become a functioning member of society.

Though functioning might be a strong word

Marty, 5:27:56 PM

is one of your goals to get him back to certain level of functionality? Character goals are important and most Mary Sues have already got to theirs

Anyone else having a look at the test?

Mecha meme, 5:32:24 PM

His goal is actually fairly unreachable

To rescue someone from a fairly traumatic past who doesn't need rescuing and who has moved on with their life

My goal is just to get him to a place where he's happy

Basically, at some point I want him to realize that there's nothing he can do about his past and to let it go and move forwards with his life rather than looking back

And to take cues from people who have already succeeded in doing that

Marty, 5:34:29 PM

Would you do it like how you personally would or another way?

Mecha meme, 5:37:06 PM

Honestly, my plan is to put him in a situation with people who support him and keep showing him through his failures that he can't fix his past. Every time he tries to go and do something to somehow fix things for himself I'm going to show why it doesn't work like that

Marty, 5:38:29 PM

Excellent plan.

Does anyone have any questions on the test?

[BF] Kai1701E, 5:43:07 PM

Can someone take it for me? I'm soooooooooooooooooooooo tired



Marty, 5:43:44 PM

hehehe, only you know your character, 😊

Sten Darker, 5:45:54 PM(edited)

yes. I noticed a lot of the questions pertained to having attractive characters. I've tried to avoid being over-indulgent in that area, having a great time playing scrawny little Ferengi and older, bumbling grandmas

but I've also seen a lot of really interesting, well-thought out characters also being notably attractive. The vast majority, in fact. So my question is: how important is this to keep in mind? Is a little self-indulgence really so bad?

Marty, 5:49:42 PM

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder... lol, I think a little self indulgence is okay, it's when used all the time and flaunted that could cause problems.

10 minutes before the end, I put a link to the test in the #tools-links and you can find it further up if you want to look at it later when you are awake and have nothing else to do lol. Part 1 is 108 questions with several subquestions to several of those 108.