# Role Play Primer

#### Basic Information About Your Character

Think about who your character is and his/her/their life story. How did this person become who they are? Here are some basics to get you started.

Name:

Age:

Nationality:

Rank and Titles (if applicable):

Occupation:

House (if applicable):

Marque (if applicable):

Family:

### **Personality Traits**

Are you an outgoing person, an introverted one? How alike are you to your character? What are their needs, wants, desires? What drives them? How would they align themselves? Do they ascribe to any sort of morality? This is the chance for you to figure out how and why your character achieves their goals.

## Life Story

Insert life story here! It can be as complicated or simple as you like. This is the place to figure out who your character is and where they come from.

### How to Live Action Role Play

Interacting: It's all improv, no scripts required! Thinking on your feet might seem daunting but it can lead to some amazing conversations. Remember you're amongst fellow fans, we're all family here and there are no mistakes - just happy accidents.

Memorizing your character: Best to keep things simple, sometimes it takes a while to figure out all the kinks of your new character. Trust your instincts in the moment, let the character guide you.

Picking a couple of character traits or qualities to guide the choices you make can be helpful. It's a good idea to keep these specific enough to be useful, but broad enough to give your character some room to develop. (Remember your name and House/Nationality/Nobility title that go with your costume if nothing else.) Don't be afraid to change your mind if something isn't working.

Don't worry about what anyone else thinks. As long as you aren't telling people how to run *their* characters, you're doing fine.

# Further Resources/Additional RP Reading

Many of these further reading links deal with more "traditional" D&D style magical fantasy LARPing but there is still plenty of good advice in these links for beginners and those just dusting off their LARP skills.

Geek & Sundry - A Beginner's Guide to LARPing

Interphaze - Character Creation and Advancement

Diary of a Croatian Larper - These 10 Easy Steps Are All You Need to Start Larping!

Geeks - Beginner's Guide to LARP

ConQuest - Your first LARP Character

LARP Today - 12 simple questions to character design in LARP

Leaving Mundania - How To Create A Fun Larp Character