

## UTA HAGEN'S 9 QUESTIONS BLANK SHEET

### **1. Who am I?**

Who is your character? Identify all the details: name/age, physical traits, education, personal opinions, likes, dislikes, fears, ethics, and beliefs.

### **2. What time is it?**

The year, the season, the day, the minute. What is the significance of time?

**3. Where am I?**

Identify the country, the city/town, the neighborhood, the building, the room or the specific area of the room.

**4. What surrounds me?**

What is happening in the environment around you? Weather, landscape, people, animate/inanimate objects?

**5. What are the given circumstances?**

Identify events in the past, present, and future. What has happened, what is happening, what is going to happen?

**6. What are my relationships?**

This is more than your relationship to other people. Think about your relationship to objects, characters, and events.

**7. What do I want?**

What do you want immediately? What does the character want overall?

**8. What is in my way?**

What are the obstacles to getting what you want?

**9. What do I do to get what I want?**

What actions do you take (both physically and verbally)? What tactics?

These questions will give students a comprehensive list to follow with their character development. Start students off by having them answer these questions about their own life and then identify the answers for any character work they do.