**Character Naming Resources**

**20,000 Names**

<http://www.20000-names.com/index.htm>

**African Names**

<http://www.namesite.com/namesite/mainpage.html>

**Afrocentric Names**

<http://www.namesite.com/index.php>

**Alfabette Zoope Name Lists**

<http://www.zoope.com/about/about_names.html>

Good lists of names and meanings, including many non-western names.

**BabyCenter: Baby Name Search**

<http://www.babycenter.com/baby-names>

Searchable by name, type of name, country, or meaning. (Slow.)

**BabyNameAddicts.com**

[http://www.babynameaddicts.com](http://www.babynameaddicts.com/)

"We have over 51,000 names, with meanings, origins, popularity graphs, surveys, and more! Pronunciation, full search functionality, and more are coming in early 2005."

**BabyNamesCube.com**

<http://www.babynamescube.com>

Another extensive collection of names and meanings, from a variety of cultures.

**Baby Name Genie**

<http://www.babynamegenie.com/index.php>

If you're absolutely stuck trying to generate names for your characters, try this "genie," which will come up with a first and middle name based on the last name that you provide. (Great if you think "Layton Chad" would be a good name for a baby... or a character...)

**BabyNameTrain**

<http://www.babynametrain.com/>

A number of resources, including a random name generator that will give you ideas for first, middle and last name combinations.

**BabyNamesHeaven.com**

[http://www.babynamesheaven.com](http://www.babynamesheaven.com/)

**Baby Names HQ**

<http://www.babynameshq.com/>

Names and their meanings from a variety of cultures; Biblical names; and "most popular" names for boys and girls.

**Baby Names List**

<http://babynames.allparenting.com/>

An extensive resource of over 25,000 given names, including their meanings, categorized by origin/culture or by ABC. We also offer an advanced search option, and a name suggestion tool.

**Baby Name Network**

<http://www.babynamenetwork.com/>

**Baby Names of Asia and the Pacific**

<http://www.heptune.com/ocnames.html>

**Baby Names of Ireland**

<http://www.babynamesofireland.com/>

**Babynology**

<http://www.babynology.com/>

Lists of names, some with meanings and some without, from around the world. Some of the lists look good; others have some rather dubious entries. Still, a lot of info here!

**Behind the Name**

<http://www.behindthename.com>

History and etymology of first names from around the world, including Biblical names.

**Biblical Baby Names**

[http://www.biblical-baby-names.com](http://www.biblical-baby-names.com/)

**Biblical Names for Baby**

<http://www.ballina.net/babynames/>

**Biblical Names, List of**

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Biblical_names>

This list is taken from Hitchcock's New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible by Roswell D. Hitchcock, New York: A. J. Johnson, 1874, c1869. NOTE: I've reviewed a number of Biblical name lists, and have found that meanings given in this particular work do not always agree with many other lists, so I'd recommend cross-referencing.

**Cal Poly Pomona Name Pronunciation Guide**

[http://www.csupomona.edu/~pronunciation/](http://www.csupomona.edu/%7Epronunciation/)

Guide to pronouncing names from a variety of languages; search by language or country, or search the lists for pronunciations.

**Chinese Names**

<http://www.mandarintools.com/chinesename.html>

This site enables you to generate Chinese names based on desired characteristics, and gives links to other good name and language sites.

**Cool Baby Names**

<http://www.cool-baby-names.com/>

This site has a number of interesting categories in which to search, such as Biblical names, Shakespearian names, flowers and plants, colors, animals and birds, etc.

**European and Arab first names**

<http://www.vornamen-liste.de/index_eng.html>

Name collection with emphasis on European and Arab first names. Presently offers only an extensive list of names; promises eventually to expand into a database that lists the country and meaning behind each name.

**SCA College of Arms - Name Articles**

<http://heraldry.sca.org/names.html>

The Society for Creative Anachronism's page on names, naming, names by culture, names by history, and much more.

**Indian Baby Names**

<http://babynames.extraprepare.com/>

**Indian Baby Names and Their Meanings**

<http://www.indiaexpress.com/specials/babynames>

**Irish Names**

<http://www.namenerds.com/irish/>

**Last Names Meanings Dictionary**

<http://www.last-names.net/>

**Meaning-of-Names.com**

<http://www.meaning-of-names.com/>

Nearly two million names and over 45,000 meanings and histories.

**Medieval Names Archive: English, Old English, and Anglo-Norman Names**

<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/english.shtml>

Excellent lists of names and articles on names from a variety of periods; well-researched and definitive.

**Medieval Names Archive: Names from Other Countries**

<http://www.s-gabriel.org/names/>

Names and articles on names from cultures and periods around the world.

**The Name Machine**

<http://www.babynameshub.com>

Ranks the popularity of names over the past 100 years.

**Name Yo Baby**

[http://www.nameyobaby.com](http://www.nameyobaby.com/)

Another baby name database.

**Parenthood Web**

<http://www.parenthood.com/baby-names/>

Allows you to search for all names on file for a particular region.

**Quick Baby Names**

[http://www.quickbabynames.com](http://www.quickbabynames.com/)

20,000 searchable baby names and their meanings, with popularity charts based on US statistics, and "a nifty little name "filter" that makes choosing a baby name a whole lot easier."

**Sikh Names and Their Meaning**

<http://www.sikhs.org/names.htm>

**SuggestBabyNames.com**

<http://www.suggestbabynames.com/>

I like the way this site is set up to let you search by country of origin (first place I've seen with Aztec names!). You have to click on a link to get the meaning for each name, and not all names include meanings (again, see the Aztec list), but very useful overall.

**Think! Baby Names**

[http://www.thinkbabynames.com](http://www.thinkbabynames.com/)

Resource on names for writers. Provides the meaning, origin, history, religious significance, and popularity of first names.