



The Secret Backstory of a Meeple

Ever wondered what a meeple does when it's not in the game box?




Who are they, really? What's their job, their dreams, their biggest fear?

For this term's Artist Alley challenge, we're diving into the mysterious and miniature world of meeples! These tiny wooden game pieces may seem simple... but every meeple has a story to tell.

This is your chance to create a unique meeple character and imagine their secret backstory. What kind of world do they live in? Are they a knight, baker, explorer, or inventor? What game are they from—or is it a game you invented?

You'll combine creative writing with visual art to bring your meeple to life!

What to Include:

-  Artwork of your meeple character, coloured and showing their personality
-  A short written backstory (½ to 1 page) describing their life, job, goals, fears, and adventures
-  Optional: include their favourite food, best friend, or biggest secret!

How to Participate:

Your entry must include:

- A4 sized paper
- A detailed and coloured drawing of your meeple character
- A written story (handwritten or typed and glued neatly to the same page or attached)
- Your name in small and neat writing
- Yes, you can submit multiple entries (up to three)!

Submit your Artist Alley creation during your **Week 6 Empire session on Wednesday 4 June 2025**.

Awards to be given during our Great Feast in the final week of term.

Prizes:

- The joy of inventing a secret world
- Entry into Empire's Grand Gallery
- Art supplies to continue your creative journey

I can't wait to meet your meeples!

Empire's Artist Alley is all about creativity, fun, and looking at games through new eyes. Let your imagination run wild.

Good luck, and happy meepling!

Sincerely,

Will "The Healer" Shanahan