**How to Play Senna Like a Pro**

**Abilities**

Senna’s passive is Absolution. This is what makes Senna such a scaling monster. Attacking enemy champions twice grants you a soul. These souls increase Senna’s attack damage, critical strike chance, and attack range. You’ll often see Senna players taking advantage of this by forcing short, two attack trades in lane in order to quickly gain a soul. It should be noted that enemies also drop souls when they die. Senna’s Q, Piercing Darkness, shoots in a straight line, healing herself and any allies hit while also damaging enemies. Piercing Darkness can target pretty much anything. Be on the lookout for creative angles to hit enemies who would normally be out of range by casting onto an ally, a ward, or a tower. Piercing Darkness also triggers on-hit effects such as Black Cleaver.

Last Embrace deals damage to the first enemy struck and, after a brief delay, roots all enemies in a small area. This effect happens immediately if the enemy struck by Last Embrace dies.

Curse of the Black Mist allows Senna to dive into the mist, creating an area of mist around her. Any allies within the mist are camouflaged and cannot be seen by enemies, while teammates who leave the mist will appear as untargetable wraiths to the enemy for a short duration, or until cancelled by casting a spell or attacking. While Curse of the Black Mist is active, Senna is untargetable by enemies unless they are within the area. This can often allow Senna to escape from dangers, such as being targeted by auto-attacks and abilities, which might put her in a tough spot.

Senna’s Ultimate, Dawning Shadow, shields all allies struck and damages all enemies caught in the centre of the blast. Dawning Shadow is also a global ability, meaning that it can be used to assist the team from anywhere on the map.

**Laning**

Laning with Senna usually depends on what her support can do for her in lane. Bot is a two player lane, so it can be quite hard to generalize how to play in every matchup. That being said, there are some things that you should aim to do in almost every game.

Senna loves short trades where she is able to yoink a soul from her opponent and back away to safety. Paired with a high damage, crowd control focused support, Senna is able to take strong trades with the ability to follow up on CC with Last Embrace. Playing with supports such as these can make it incredibly hard for your opponents to take advantage of Senna’s otherwise quite weak early phase.

**Team fighting**

Senna plays a more passive role in team fights, usually auto-attacking the closest target to her while weaving in her abilities, trying not to overextend or risk getting caught out of position. The outcome of a fight can be decided by how well Senna utilizes Dawning Shadow. If it blocks a ton of damage from, say, an Orianna’s Shockwave for example, it was likely very well utilized.

Knowing when and how to use Dawning Shadow comes down to how well the player understands the current game state. Most often, you’ll see Pros use it to help their team soak up damage during the engage to help get the fight started, and other times they may use it mid-fight to finish off a low health opponent, or to shield their ally for a clutch save. It really all depends on the state of the game and heat of the moment decision making.

Senna also gives her team the option of chasing fleeing enemies or aiding her team in escaping a fight thanks to Curse of the Black Mist. The movement speed increase can be a huge difference maker in these instances.

**Conclusion**

Senna is a strong utility marksman with the ability to scale infinitely due to her Absolution passive. Her range and poke damage are unmatched upon reaching the late game, and her incredible utility in the form of healing, shielding, CC, and a team wide stealth makes her a great choice in almost every situation. Consider picking Senna if you wish to support your team while still being a damage dealer in the marksman position.

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