Bythelens – Screenwriter's Toolkit
Character Template Sheet

Name of Character:
Darth Vader

Physical and Emotional Characteristics:
Imposing, threatening, powerful antagonist. Widely feared and widely known.
Vader is the proximal personification of evil, the named face of the Empire.

Role in story:
The principal villain. Vader acts decisively to prevent the protagonist
achieving his goals.

Introduced as:
Commander of the Empire forces pursuing the stolen plans to the Death Star.

Broad motivation (Act 1):
Defeat the Rebel Alliance, destroy any remaining Jedi, serve the Emperor.

Role in Instigating Event:
Sends stormtroopers to recover the droids with the plans, directly leads to
deaths of Owen and Beru Lars.

Changes in plot (Act 2):
Unable to secure plans, he interrogates Leia to find Rebel base. When
Protagonist arrives on Death Star he tries to prevent the rescue of Leia. On
discovering presence of Ben Kenobi on the Death Star he engages him in
combat and defeats him. Along with Tarkin, responsible for plan to pursue
Millennium Falcon to real Rebel base on Yavin IV.

Role in Axis and Act 3:
Takes personal command of defensive fighters at battle of Yavin IV.

End of involvement:
His damaged fighter survives battle and he disappears.