

### FREE MARKETING FRIDAYS



# Create Better Customer Personas

(that actually strengthen your marketing)



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## † † In just 20 minutes...

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- The must-have data for strong personas
- How to identify pitfalls in the creation process
- The 4 steps to create your own powerful customer personas

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## ++ Hey lady, who are you anyway?



#### **Sunny Hunt**

**Chief Customer and Conversion Nerd** 



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### † † What is a Customer Persona?

A document that represents a group of customers. It includes generalized data about that group to help guide the creation of marketing campaigns and product development.

### + + What Can Personas Do?+

- 1. Build Better Customers
- 2. Create effective marketing campaigns
- 3. Inform your product development



# + + How to Create Strong Customer Personas + + General Guidelines

- No more than 3-5 customer personas for any product line
- Minimize demographic information (including gender)
- Create a "secret" customer persona

### † † How to Create Strong Customer Personas

- 1. Hypothesize
- 2. Assumptions (beyond demographics)
- 3. Research
- 4. Test & Validate

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# + + How to Create Strong Customer Personas + + 1. Hypothesize

- Do an initial summary breakdown of 4 key customer types
  - Decision-makers
  - Influencers
  - Buyers
  - End-users

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### How to Create Strong Customer Personas

- 2. Assumptions (beyond demographics)
- Decision-making modalities
- Level of awareness
- Psychographics (values, attitudes, and beliefs)
- Objections and anxieties
- Switching costs
- Key marketing activities

# + + How to Create Strong Customer Personas + + 3. Research

- Customer surveys and interviews
- Market research/Social listening
- Voice of Customer Data

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### † † How to Create Strong Customer Personas

- 4. Test and Validate
  - Paid social media
  - Earned media
  - Content marketing

### How Customer Personas Can Go Very Wrong

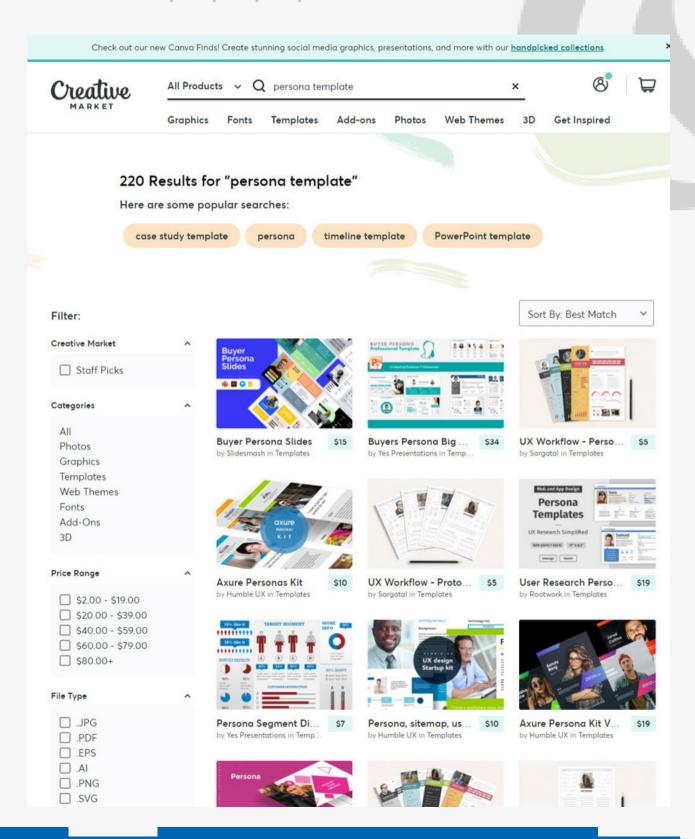
- Assumptions not validated with research
- Single source of data
- Used only demographic data
- Too many personas
- Didn't update with market and product shifts+++++

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### How Customer Personas Can Go Very Wrong

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## + + + Key Takeaways + +

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- The best customer personas are the personas that get used - because they're helpful and instructive.
  - Include qualitative data
  - Recent & updated
  - Tested & validated