



The Ultimate Worldbuilding Template

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☐ THE BASICS

What is your world called?

Is it set on:

- Earth
- Alternate Earth
- Not Earth

Estimate its population: _____

In one sentence, describe your world.

GEOGRAPHY

THE NATURAL WORLD

- How was the world created? How long ago was it created?
- How do the laws of physics work?
- How does the solar system move? What celestial beings exist (suns, stars, moons, etc.) and how do they relate to the world?

Flora and fauna

- How does the flora differ from region to region?
- Do any plants have special or magical properties? Are any dangerous?

Literature, art, and music

- What is the role of the arts in your world's culture? How is it perceived by society and how has it evolved?
- Who are some celebrated or noted artists in history? What for?
- How might the arts have changed as a result of outside influences (from other regions, cities, races, etcetera)?
- Are any of the arts taboo? If so, why?

Clothing

- What is the customary dress for men? Women?
- What fashion is trending and how does this differ from region to region?
- How does the clothing one wears reflect status?
- What is the dress code for each profession? How strictly followed must it be?

Cuisine

- What are the regional dishes? How might this differ depending on the climate and environment?
- Is there a difference between what the poor and the rich eat? What is considered a luxurious food? What is considered a staple food?
- How are mealtimes approached? Is there a set hour to be at the table? Are there traditions that precede or follow a meal?

Significant prophets

- Who are the important religious figures in the world? For what reason are they significant?

EDUCATION

- Does formal education exist? If so, who can access it? The rich? The clergy? Everyone in the general population?
- If magic exists in your world, how is it studied? Do schools exist to train it?
- What are literacy rates among the general population? How does this affect communication and the distribution of information?

LEISURE

- How do people spend their leisure time in your world? What forms of entertainment are most common?
- Are there any organized sports in your world? How might its rules and regulations differ from the ordinary (i.e. Quidditch)?

TECHNOLOGY, MAGIC, & WEAPONS

MAGIC SYSTEM(S)

- To what ends and purposes is magic used in your world? Who can use it?
- What limits are there to its power? What are the consequences of using it?
- What is the history of magic and magicians in your world?
- How does society view magic? Positively? Negatively? As the Other?

Rules of magic

- How does magic *work* in your world? Where does it come from?
- Is there a language that's needed in order to call forth magic? If so, what are its roots?
- Is magic regulated in any way? What is the governing body?

Practitioning magicians

- What are magicians' status in society? Are they trusted advisors of kings or charlatans on the road?
- How many magicians exist in your world? How do they perceive one another?

