

World Building Worksheet

Physical Traits:

- World Name:
- Type:
 - Planetary: Earth? If not, what is the planet like? Mostly rock? Three moons? A purple sun?
 - Style: Is it more medieval, modern or futuristic? Steampunk? Magical?
- Geography:
 - Make a map (surprisingly fun)
 - Where are your major resources and settlements: such as rivers, forests, lakes, agricultural land, etc. (keep in mind the people you will have living there, and how they will survive, or any social issues it may cause- example: fighting over resources)
- Climate: keep in mind your general geography, as well as the people living in each area.

Settlements and Societies:

- Settlements: I usually do a separate sheet for each major settlement
 - Type: City, Town, Village
 - Population:
 - Layout/geography: are the houses close together, far apart. Is it clean, dirty?
 - Security: gates surrounding, soldiers, form of law enforcement, if any
 - Allies and Enemies:
 - Building types: wood, brick, etc.
 - Technology level:
 - Transportation:
 - What are the inhabitants: certain type of creature, magical, race
 - Education system:
 - Type of medicine: doctors, priests, wizards
 - Major professions of the people: Is it a mining community? Predominantly agricultural
 - Economy:
 - Rich area/poor area:
 - Monetary system: type of currency? Trade?
 - What resources do they use:
 - What resources are they in need of:
 - Political system/Government:
 - Type of government:
 - Local leaders:
 - Is there a large city that rules over them?:
 - Religion:
 - Language:

- Creatures/Types of People: (good to do a small section for each creature/type of people)
 - What creatures populate your realm:
 - Where do they live:
 - Clothing styles:
 - Their allies and enemies:
 - Interesting facts/histories:

Magical Elements

- Magic: (if any)
 - What type of system: (ex: arcane, dark, etc.)
 - How does it work:
 - The magic laws: What can be done with it? What can't?
 - How do people feel about it:
 - Who can use it and who can't:

World Background

- History:
 - Major wars or conflicts:
 - Key players:
 - How did it start:
 - Major battles/events:
 - Who won and how:
 - The aftermath: (how were people treated, how did they rebuild themselves or change, are there any prejudices remaining?)
- Key figures:
 - Why they are important:
- Current conflicts:
 - How they began:
 - Current status:
 - The 'sides':
- Prejudices between groups:
 - Reasons:
 - Ways to fix them:
- Important myths/lore: