# Fantasy Worldbuilding Worksheet

Use this worksheet to flesh out the key details of your fantasy world, from its geography and history to its cultures and magic systems. A rich, well-developed world will immerse your readers and enhance your storytelling! But don’t feel constrained by it. The best fantasy worlds are built over time, with layers of depth and discovery. Let your imagination run wild—and remember, the world you create is as much a character in your story as the people within it!

## World Overview

* **Name:**
	+ Does it have different names in various languages or cultures?
* **General Description** (Describe your world in a few sentences):
	+ What sets it apart?

## Geography and Environment

* **Major Landforms:**
	+ Mountains, forests, deserts, rivers, oceans, etc.
	+ How do these features shape the lives of the inhabitants?
* **Climate and Weather:**
	+ What are the weather patterns in different regions?
	+ Are there unusual phenomena (e.g., magical storms, eternal winters)?
* **Key Locations:**
	+ Name and describe cities, villages, landmarks, and ruins.
	+ What makes these places significant?

## History and Lore

* **Major Historical Events:**
	+ What are the defining moments in your world’s history?
	+ Wars, discoveries, disasters, or revolutions?
* **Legends and Myths:**
	+ What stories or myths do people tell?
	+ Are they based on real events or completely fictional?
* **Current State:**
	+ What’s happening in the world at the time of your story?
	+ Political conflicts, environmental crises, or cultural renaissances?

## Societies and Culture

* **Races and Species:**
	+ What intelligent beings inhabit the world?
	+ What are their physical traits, abilities, and societal norms?
	+ What animals inhabit the world?
* **Languages:**
	+ What languages are spoken?
	+ Are there universal languages or regional dialects?
	+ List key words and phrases used throughout the book:
* **Social Structure:**
	+ How are societies organized (e.g., monarchies, democracies, clans)?
	+ Are there class divisions or hierarchies?
* **Religion and Beliefs:**
	+ What are the religion(s) in the world?
	+ What is the structure or important characteristics of them?
	+ What deities or spiritual forces exist?
	+ How do these beliefs influence daily life and culture?
* **Traditions and Holidays:**
	+ What rituals or celebrations are unique to your world?
	+ How do they reflect the values of the society?

## Magic and Technology

* **Magic System:**
	+ How does magic work?
	+ What are its rules?
	+ What are its limitations?
	+ Who can use magic (everyone, specific groups, or individuals with special training)?
* **Magical Creatures:**
	+ What beings or animals have magical properties?
	+ Are they common, rare, or mythical?
* **Technology Level:**
	+ Is your world medieval, steampunk, futuristic, or something else?
	+ How do technology and magic interact, if at all?

## Economy and Resources

* **Trade and Currency:**
	+ What is the primary currency or barter system?
	+ What goods are most valuable?
* **Resources and Exports:**
	+ What natural or magical resources are abundant?
	+ Are certain regions rich or poor based on their resources?
* **Occupations:**
	+ What are the common jobs or professions in your world?
	+ Are there unique roles tied to magic or tradition?

## Conflict and Power

* **Factions and Alliances:**
	+ What groups or organizations hold power (kingdoms, guilds, secret societies)?
	+ What are their goals?
	+ What are their rivalries?
* **Major Conflicts:**
	+ What are the key conflicts driving the story?
	+ Are they political, cultural, magical, or personal?
* **Heroes and Villains:**
	+ Who are the central figures in these conflicts?
	+ What motivates them?
	+ How do they interact with the world?

## Unique Features

* **Cultural Quirks:**
	+ Are there unique customs, foods, or clothing styles?
	+ How do these details add flavor to your world?
* **Unusual Geography or Phenomena:**
	+ Are there floating islands, endless caverns, or cursed forests?
	+ How do these shape life in the world?
* **Innovative Ideas:**
	+ What makes your world truly unique?
	+ Think of a feature or concept that sets it apart from other fantasy worlds.

## The World in Action

* **Character Interaction with the World:**
	+ How do your characters’ choices and conflicts shape the world around them?
	+ How does the world, in turn, influence their journey?
* **Themes and Mood:**
	+ What tone or themes does your world convey (e.g., hope, mystery, danger)?
	+ How do these align with the story you want to tell?