

Describe Physical Place(s)

Setting(s): e.g. planet, ship, space station, alternate universe

Time period

Climate

Geography

Ecosystem

Backstory (history) of place

Physical Borders & what lies beyond

Flora (plants) & Fauna (animals)

Architecture

Energy sources

Modes of Transportation

Sights, Sounds, Smells

Natural Dangers, predators, etc.

Describe People/Beings

How many?

Where do they live?

Appearance

Economic system. How do folks make a living?

State of wellness

Health care system

Education system

Diversity & relationships among populations

Family structure

Skills/Abilities/Gifts among the population

Describe Culture

What are the core values of the dominant culture?

Political dynamics: Who is in charge? How did they get there? How are rulers removed from power?

Languages spoken

Typical manner of dress. Are there differences among social class, gender, ethnicity, job class, etc.?

Religious institutions & spirituality

Authority/Policing/Social Control

What are some common anti-social behaviors?

Cuisine

Holidays. Celebrations. Rites of Passage. Significant Events

Art forms

Entertainment, Sports, Recreation

How are youth challenging norms?

How is culture changing? What is counter-culture like?