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World Building General

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Welcome to /wbg/ a place to discuss the world you are creating, whether it be for a novel, tabletop rpg, video game or anything else. This is a document of compiled resources and links from various sources. If there is a link or resource that you feel have not been added to this document and needs to be, please contact us over in our discord: <https://discord.gg/eGT6sqj>

/wbg/ is not a place to discuss to discuss the *game system* you are developing; rather the *world* for that game system. /gdg/ would be a better place to look for feedback regarding that.

Cartography and geography discussions have a home within /wbg/ but sometimes there are dedicated map making threads which may aid you better if the current discussion is of another topic.

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General

Worldbuilding Resources:

- <http://kennethjorgensen.com/worldbuilding/resources> (Big List of Worldbuilding Resources)
- <https://www.mediafire.com/folder/jawh769htt13o/Workbook> (Worldbuilding workbooks)
- <http://www.lostkingdom.net/world-building-cheatsheet-1/> (Worldbuilding guide part 1)
- <https://archivos.digital/> (Setting planner)
- <https://www.worldanvil.com/> (World Anvil, free online wiki for worldbuilding)
- [Fantasy Sandbox PDF](#)
- <https://www.familyecho.com/> (Family tree builder)
- <https://archivos.digital/> (setting planner)
- [Kobold's Guide to Worldbuilding PDF](#)
- <https://brandonsanderson.com/2016-sanderson-lectures/> (Video Lectures on fantasy and SciFi writing)
- <http://www.mediafire.com/folder/jawh769htt13o/Workboo> (Campaign workbooks)
- <https://www.draw.io/> (Flow chart maker)

Writing Guides:

- http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/writing/undergrads/handouts_new/Coordination.pdf (Coordination, Correlation, and Subordination)
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/partner-content/pixar/storytelling> (The Art of Storytelling)
- <https://curiosityquills.com/limyaael/> (A lot of writing advice)
- <https://mega.nz/#F!fhFVUCaY!ATUa4Mg1IYzHdGk2zOFtZA> (A lot of writing ebooks)

Sci-Fi:

- <http://futurewarstories.blogspot.ca/> (Military Science Fiction Blog)
- http://www.projectrho.com/public_html/rocket/ (Atomic Rockets) - **Lots of information for SciFi**
- <http://military-sf.com/> (Military Science Fiction)

Fantasy/ Medieval:

- <http://www.web-writer.net/fantasy/days/days/01.html> (Fantasy Worldbuilder Guide)

Cartography

Map Making Resources:

- <https://mega.nz/#F!D98AGbhQ!yDb7QDwEvp6digRJUv55FQ>
- www.inkarnate.com
- <https://watabou.itch.io/medieval-fantasy-city-generator> (City generator/svg export)
- <https://mythcreants.com/blog/crafting-plausible-maps/> (Planet mapping)
- <https://incompetech.com/graphpaper/trianglehex.html> (Graph paper)
- <http://www.printfreegraphpaper.com/> (Graph paper custom)
- <http://www.henry-davis.com/MAPS/carto.html> (Examples)
- <https://celestia.space/> (interactive 3D Galaxy Program) - **good for star map conceptualizing**
- <http://www.cartographersguild.com/forumdisplay.php?f=48> (Cartography Forum)
- <http://www222.pair.com/sjohn/blueroom/demog.htm> (Medieval Demographics) - **a must read**
- <https://www.otherworldmapper.com/> (Other World Mapper, a mapmaking program)
- <https://www.cartographersguild.com/forum.php>
- <https://www.timemaps.com/> (Historical map territories)
- https://www.reddit.com/user/One_Giant_Nostril/m/imaginarynetwork/ (Contains encyclopedias for geography. Caves, islands, deserts, etc. Also contains worldbuilding books)
- <https://gumroad.com//QDxZK> (Fantasy cartography brushpack)
- <https://www.gplates.org/> (Map making program that uses tectonic plates)
- <http://en-us.topographic-map.com/places/Europe-7906074/> (Interactive Topographic Program)
- <http://spaceengine.org/> (3D Space Simulator) - **good for star map conceptualizing**

Map Making Tutorials:

- <http://vulpinoid.blogspot.com/p/map-tutorials.html?m=1> (Tutorials)
- https://www.reddit.com/r/inkarnate/comments/3qftxo/guide_hacking_inkarnate/ (Hacking Inkarnate)
- <http://www.fantasticmaps.com/2015/02/how-to-draw-a-map/> (How to draw a map)
- <http://oldguygaming.com/realistic-coastlines-revisited> (Coastlines)
- <http://rpgmaps.profantasy.com/?p=2017> (Rivers)
- <https://www.cartographersguild.com/showthread.php?t=8086> (Photoshop tutorial by Cartographers Guild member)
- <https://mythcreants.com/blog/crafting-plausible-maps/> (Cartography guide)

Videos:

- <https://youtu.be/p1eo-SzLCcY> (wasd20 mapmaking video tutorial)
- https://youtu.be/5G_2_OJPUGY (Questing beast's video tutorials)
- <https://youtu.be/MNODJQfFMfs> (Adobe Photoshop map tutorial; stylized design)

Youtube Channels:

- [Artifexian](#) (Majority mapmaking some conlang)
- [Wasd20](#) (various D&D topics, but useful map making videos)
- [Questing Beast](#) (Map making tutorials, videos and old school RPG stuff)

Conlang

Conlang Resources:

- <http://www.zompist.com/resources> (Language construction kit)
- <http://akana.conlang.org/tools/awkwords/> (Word generator)
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/conlangs/>
- <http://fiatlingua.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/fl-000024-00.pdf> (Conlang thesaurus)
- <https://draquet.github.io/PolyGlot/> (language construction tool)
- <https://mega.nz/#F!nzJAwQDI!F4IKoNegTBagphw4xSK-Sw> (paid version of vulgarlang.com)
- <http://forvo.com/> (Pronounces any word)
- <https://youtu.be/PdO3IP0Pro8> (47 minute lecture about various writing styles)

Video(s):

- <https://youtu.be/sFWc0sBO62c> (Conlang basics by [Artifexian](#))

Culture

Culture Resources:

- http://www.fraithwiki.com/Dr._Zahir%27s_Ethnographical_Questionnaire (On designing cultures)

African:

- <https://pastebin.com/8v7pLRgD> (Precolonial Warfare in Africa (Military History))
- <https://pastebin.com/zmCTxRZF> (States of the Zimbabwe Plateau and Zambezi Valley (Afr.Std.))
- <https://pastebin.com/D2Ly4TzE> (Asante and the Akan and Mossi States (African Studies))
- <https://pastebin.com/ZPfJ1s7f> (Trans-Saharan Trade (African Studies))
- <https://pastebin.com/6DZhutnR> (Early States of the Western Sudan (African Studies))
- <https://pastebin.com/zgKcL0L7> (Ethiopia (African Studies))
- <https://pastebin.com/yEjWfD0m> (Madagascar (African Studies))
- <https://puu.sh/yCtGg/025d59301c.pdf> (Cambridge History of Africa) - **from 500 BC, currently this is just V1 and theres 8 in total**
- <https://pastebin.com/VzezWf3m> (Ancient Egypt)

Western:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qd3MJPHaotQ> (42 minute lecture of Roman architecture)

Eastern:

- <https://puu.sh/yCtwS/a92c623029.pdf> (Encyclopedia of History for Ancient Asia)
- <https://puu.sh/yCtVz/c45e91dbc6.pdf> (China, by Rossabi) - **details ALL the history of China**

Inspiration

Inspiration resources:

- <http://mtgen.net/> (gain inspiration from magic card pack openings. [Video example](#))
- <https://modernfirearms.net/en/> (Modern Firearms)
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/d100/> (user generated lists typically for D&D, but may give you ideas anyway)
- https://mega.nz/#!O4tRGSBJ!A6PAGk9AFq5XtlMHYxDCNIhI9_jBASbRb9bgagqKwLY (Museum exhibits photographed by Curator. Jewellery, bottles, etc.)
- https://www.reddit.com/user/One_Giant_Nostril/m/imaginarynetwork/ (Imaginary characters, landscapes, monsters and technology)
- https://www.reddit.com/user/One_Giant_Nostril/m/imaginarynetwork/ (A plethora of world building books, and some geography)
- <https://www.reddit.com/user/ImaginaryMod/m/imlandscapes/#la> (An even larger plethora of the imaginary network. Too large to list)
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/ImaginaryRuins/>
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/ImaginaryUndead/>
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/ImaginaryDerelicts/>
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/ImaginaryFallout/>
- <http://radiooooo.com/> (Pick a country and time period and enjoy the music stylings of the time)
- <http://pastebin.com/u/jonstond2> (Annotated bibliographies)

Random Magic Resources/Possible Inspiration:

- <http://www.darkshire.net/jhkim/rpg/magic/antiscience.html>
- <http://sacred-texts.com/index.htm>
- <https://mega.nz/#F!AE5yjlqB!y7Vdxdb5pbNsi2O3zyq9KQ>

Random Historical resources/inspiration:

- <http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/index.html>
- <http://bestiary.ca/>
- <https://www.reddit.com/r/AskHistorians/wiki/books/>

Generators

Generator Resources:

- <http://www.fantasynamegenerators.com/> (Name Generator)
- <http://chaoticshiny.com/index.php> (Generator list)
- <https://www.seventhsanctum.com/> (Generator list)
- <https://donjon.bin.sh/> (Organized List of Generators)
- http://www.springhole.net/writing_roleplaying_randomators/index.html (Generator list)
- <http://rpg20.com/> (Large Generator list)
- <http://projectdark.net/loot/> (Weird Items)
- <http://www.mathemagician.net/Town.html> (Instant population generator. For D&D but can work for other fantasy settings)

Map Generators:

- <http://strategerygames.com/citygen/generate.php> (City)
- <http://kevin-whitaker.net/toa-travel/> (Weather)
- <https://www.kassoon.com/dnd/town-generator/> (Town)
- https://www.myth-weavers.com/generate_town.php (Town)
- http://wizardawn.and-mag.com/tool_ftown.php (Fantasy Settlements)
- <http://qzil.com/kingdom/> (Generates kingdoms)
- <http://www.lucidphoenix.com/dnd/demo/kingdom.asp> (Kingdom pop generation)
- <http://www.mathemagician.net/Town.html> (Town pop generation)
- <http://topps.diku.dk/torbenm/maps.msp> (Planet)
- <http://bl.ocks.org/Azgaar/b845ce22ea68090d43a4ecfb914f51bd> (World)