

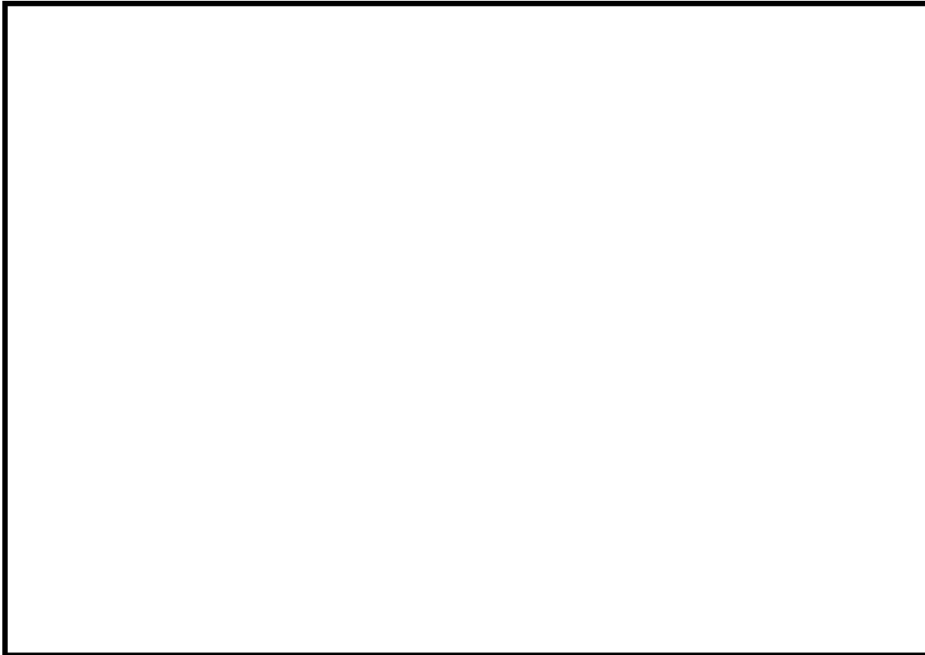
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World building—making the world in which characters live and stories happen seem real—is an important aspect of writing fiction, but it is especially important for science fiction and fantasy writers, whose stories often take place far in the future, or in completely imaginary places.

Imagine a setting for a science fiction or fantasy story of your own. What does it look like? What geographical features does it have? Who lives there? What is the weather like? What kind of buildings do the characters live in? What language do they speak?

1. Create a Map

Create a map that shows some area of your world. Write your world's name at the top of your map. Be sure to mark the location of places that will feature in your story.



2. Describe Your Setting.

Now write an introductory paragraph or two of your story that describes the setting. You may include characters or dialogue. Use the back of this page if you need more room.
