Appendix Templates

## Climates

### Climate Name

Short description and geographical location

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| Temperature | What is the average day temperatures in the different seasons, and what are the extremes? |
| Weather | What are the normal weather patterns and what are possible deviations? |
| Natural resources | Which natural resources are prevalent in this climate? |
| Terrain | What kinds of terrain are there in the climate? |
| Vegetation | What kinds of plants and trees grow in the climate?  What crops/food sources thrive in the climate? |
| Animal life | Which animals live in or have been introduced to this climate? |
| Creatures | Which creatures thrive in this climate? Use either sample creatures or create your own. |
| Settlements | What cultures settle in the climate in what types of settlements? |
| Survival | Define a set of survival conditions for the climate. What are the benefits and drawbacks? |

## Cultures

### Culture Name

Short description, size and underlying territories.

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| Timeframe | When was this culture first founded?  Is this culture still in existence, if not – since when?  Are there any big events marking this culture’s timeline? |
| Geography | What or which continent(s) does the culture inhabit?  In which climates are they suited to live?  Which terrain do they settle in?  Where are their largest cities? |
| Religion | Which gods does this culture worship?  What is their relationship to their gods?  Do they have unique rituals or holidays? |
| Value system | What do their citizens value most?  What is the basis for their morals and ethics? |
| Politics | How are their people governed?  How is the power structure divided?  What are the most powerful institutions?  How well does it work? |
| Social class | What trait defines the classes?  What professions or positions are of high/low value?  How do the different classes treat one another? |
| Economy | What is their currency?  How is it exchanged?  How is the wealth distributed? |
| Natural resources | What are the most common natural resources?  What are the most precious resources?  Have any resources been discovered?  Have any resources been used up? |
| Production | What do they produce?  How do they produce it?  What are the main exports and imports? |
| Food & drink | What do the people eat?  How do they hunt/gather/farm/trade that?  What do the people drink? |
| Language | Describe the language, it may compare it to a real-life language helps. Try to define a few sounds, names or locations. |
| Clothes | Describe the clothing of the commoners, wealthy, military, nobles and clergy.  What materials are available?  Do they have access to any special or rare dyes? |
| Magic | What is the culture’s stance on magic?  Do they use magic in daily life?  How are magic-users viewed?  Are any branches of magic viewed as different? |
| Tech level | What is the level of technology? Education? Infrastructure?  Do they have scientists or engineers? |
| Law | How does their legal system work?  Who decides what is wrong or right?  How are their laws enforced? |
| Heroes | Who are the great heroes of this culture? |
| Factions | Are there any? Are they known to the general public?  What separates them from the rest? |

## Religion

### Religion Name

Short description and connected cultures.

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| Timeline | How long ago was the religion created?  Is the religion still in effect?  Has the religion changed? When? Why? How? |
| Gods | What are the defining gods of the religion?  What is their position in relation to the main pantheon? |
| Demigods | Are there any demigods attached to the religion?  What is their relationship to the defining gods? |
| Entities | Are there any important entities in the religion?  How do they influence the other gods? |
| Myths | How was the world created?  Are there any important anecdotes to inform the value system?  Are there any sacred texts and artefacts? |
| Rituals and traditions | Does the religion involve any rituals for the common people?  What are their religious traditions?  Are there any celebrations or commemorations? |
| Clergy | Is there a clergy?  Is there a hierarchy?  What are their duties and responsibilities?  What is the public opinion? |
| Tenets | What are their moral teachings?  What are the defining characteristics of the religion?  What are the main influences on daily life? |
| Holy sites | What locations are holy in the religion?  Who has access to these locations?  Are there gatherings there? |
| Factions | Are there any? Are they known to the general public?  What separates them from the rest? |

## Creatures

### Creature Name

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| Sub-types: | | | |
| Body | X | - BR | Special Features: |
| Mind | X | - MR |
| Soul | X | - SR | Description: |
| PP | X | |

## Area

### Area Name

Short description and geographical location

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| --- | --- |
| Archetype | Pick an area archetype that fits your quest and to get you started. |
| Backstory | Relevant backstory to the area, some for the quest and some general information. |
| Climate | Add a climate to the area. This will provide the basis for the area’s survival conditions. |
| Landmarks | Use the landmark lists for inspiration. Separate the landmarks from the locations and events. These are just to give life to the area. |
| Location & Events | Note which locations and events are relevant to the area. If there are several quests within one area, sort the content according to quest. |
| Travel | Define travel conditions for the area. Remember to also write down travel times between locations. |
| Survival | Define survival conditions specific to the area. Remember to view this in the context of the climate. |

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