🌍 Worldbuilding Checklist 🌍

Build a world that feels alive—one piece at a time.

Geography & Environment

- ☐ What kind of world is it (planet, realm, dimension)
- ☐ Are there continents, islands, floating cities, underground tunnels
- ☐ What are the key landforms (mountains, deserts, oceans, forests)
- ☐ What's the climate like in different regions
- ☐ Are there natural disasters (earthquakes, magical storms)
- ☐ What resources are abundant or scarce

Ecosystem & Wildlife

- ☐ What animals (real or imagined) inhabit this world
- ☐ Are there apex predators or magical creatures
- ☐ How do living things interact with the environment
- ☐ Are any species endangered, extinct, or worshiped

Inhabitants & Cultures

- ☐ Who lives here (species, races, civilizations)
- ☐ What do they wear, eat, and celebrate
- ☐ What languages or dialects are spoken
- ☐ What are their core values or taboos
- ☐ Are there myths or folktales that shape their worldview

Society & Civilization

☐ Are there cities, towns, villages (how are they structured)

☐ Is there social hierarchy (class, caste, clans)

☐ What roles do gender, family, or age play

☐ How do people make a living

Government & Politics

☐ Who holds power (kingdom, democracy, dictatorship, council)

☐ How is power passed down or taken

☐ Are there political factions or tensions

☐ Is there a justice system or law enforcement

Religion & Belief

☐ Are there gods, spirits, or a higher force

☐ What religions or belief systems exist

☐ Are temples, rituals, or holy texts important

☐ Is there religious conflict or harmony

History & Lore

☐ What are the major historical events (wars, disasters, revolutions)

☐ Who are the legendary figures or heroes

☐ How is history recorded (books, oral tradition, runes)

☐ Are there lost civilizations or ancient ruins

Military & Conflict

- ☐ Are there standing armies, militias, or magical guardians

- ☐ What weapons or battle tactics are used

- ☐ Are there ongoing wars or ancient grudges

- ☐ What happens to prisoners or conquered territories

Magic & Technology

- ☐ Does magic exist? Who can use it

- ☐ What are the rules or limits of the magic system

- ☐ How common is magic in daily life

- ☐ What level of technology exists (stone age, cyberpunk)

- ☐ How do magic and technology interact

Time & Measurement

- ☐ How is time tracked (seasons, moons, invented calendars)

- ☐ Are there unique time units (cycles, ages, epochs)

- ☐ Do they use a different system for weights or currency

Arts, Culture & Life

- ☐ What music, art, or literature is popular

- ☐ Are there festivals, sports, or public events

- ☐ What do people do for fun

- ☐ Are there cultural stereotypes or biases

Bonus Questions to Add Flare

☐ What's a common saying or curse word

☐ What's one law most people break

☐ What's considered beautiful—or ugly

☐ What's a local superstition or ghost story

☐ What's a secret only a few characters know