

# A Printable List of Questions to Build Your Dystopian World

*This is an extra resource to go along with the original article:  
[How to Build a Dystopian World](#)*

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## The Physical World

What is the landscape of your world?

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What is the climate of your world?

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What do people (if applicable) look like?

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What do animals (if applicable) look like?

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What types of clothes do people wear?

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What do houses or living quarters look like?

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When does your story take place?

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Where? On the earth we know, a distant planet, or an alternate reality?

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### **Culture and Society**

What are some commonly held beliefs in this society?

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What type of government do they have?

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Who is in power?

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How did they become powerful?

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How intrusive is government in daily lives?

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What form of propaganda is used (if any)?

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What is the history of this society?

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What is the society's biggest fear?

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What is the society's most positive feature?

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What are the values of this society?

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What are the social classes?

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Why are there social classes?

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What is the ethnic diversity, if any?

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What are the gender roles?

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What, if any, religion do they practice?

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What language do they speak?

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Is the entire world affected and how?

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How do people get food?

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Is there money? What type?

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## **Character Development**

Is your character alone?

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Why is he alone?

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Does your character have friends?

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What motivates your character?

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How do the characters interact with the dystopian society?

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How do they interact with each other?

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