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

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?

Character Development
Is your character alone?

Why is he alone?

Does your character have friends?

What motivates your character?

How do the characters interact with the dystopian society?

How do they interact with each other?