

Worldbuilding Audit

CHECKLIST

Geography & Setting Consistency

- Have I mapped out where everything is?
- Are travel times and distances realistic within my world's rules?
Readers subconsciously notice when the map doesn't make sense, even if there's no actual map!

Cultural Depth & Diversity

- Do different regions or groups have distinct traditions, values, or dialects?
- Does this variety feel organic rather than forced?
Rich culture makes your world feel lived in and layered.

Magic or Power-System Logic

- Are the rules of magic (or your power system) clear and consistent?
- Are there limits or costs to using these powers?
Constraints create tension and make your world more believable.

History & Lore Integration

- Does the world's past influence the story's present?
- Are legends or myths woven naturally into dialogue or scenes?
History gives your world emotional weight.



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Societal Structure & Hierarchies

- Who holds power? Why?
- How do politics, religion, or class shape your characters' lives?
Even small social rules can drive massive plot tension.

Economy & Everyday Life

- What do people eat, wear, and trade?
- Are resources scarce or abundant?
The mundane details make magic worlds feel real.

Language & Communication

- Do language styles, slang, or gestures vary across regions?
- Is it clear when someone speaks a different dialect or tongue?
Subtle language cues add authenticity.

Character Integration with World

- Are your characters' goals shaped by their environment or culture?
- Does their behavior reflect their world's norms?
Characters should feel like products of their world, not visitors in it.



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Emotional Resonance & Reader Connection

- Does the world evoke emotion like awe, fear, nostalgia?
 - Can readers imagine living there (or never surviving there)?
- Emotion transforms “setting” into “experience.”*

Continuity & Logic Check

- Have I checked for timeline or logic inconsistencies (like seasons, moon cycles, etc.)?
 - Does every rule I've established stay consistent from start to finish?
- Continuity builds trust, and readers want to believe in your world.*

You just made your world stronger.

A great fantasy world isn't just invented; it's built through nuance, emotion, and consistency.

If you'd love some expert eyes on your world or want to make sure your story's structure, characters, and setting all work together seamlessly, I'd love to help.

 **Next Step:** Book a free editorial consultation and sample edit with me. I'll help you refine your world, strengthen your storytelling, and prepare your manuscript for confident self-publishing.