



Imagination Writing

FANTASY WORLDS

What is it?

Some authors excel at weaving together mystical, magical, enchanted fantasy worlds populated with exotic, creative creatures. It's a daunting task to build a whole new world but you can still have fun with the concept without all the detail!

Activity

Alone or with others, brainstorm a list of all the magical, mythical creatures you know. (i.e.: elves, fairies, dwarves, dragons, etc.) You can stop with only what's in your own mind, or you can look up the plethora of creatures online.

Choose one. This will be the dominant people in your world. You may choose other creatures to inhabit your world as well, but start with one.

Then have fun brainstorming the type of world they live in! You can give yourself time limits or page limits or just let your mind wander. Consider the following categories:

- Location (in this world? If so, where? In another realm? On another planet?)
- Climate/weather/vegetation (desert? Forest? Space?)
- Family structures (do kids live with their parents like a mom and a dad? Do they live in a collective village? Do multiple generations live together?)
- Style of dress (old-fashioned/medieval? Space suits? Silks?)
- Special skills (do they have magic—or only some people? Heightened fighting skills? Mindreading?)
- Culture (what kind of celebrations, holidays do they have?)
- Enemies (Are they at war with a different type of creature? With their neighbors?)

There are so many more possibilities—think of what we have in our world like currency, schools, family traditions—then use your imagination to its fullest!