

WORLD-BUILDING WITH HISTORY

Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) players create fantasy worlds for their immersive storytelling and fun. But these fantasy worlds usually reflect elements of the real world recorded in history.

If you were building a fantasy world, how could history help you? Here's your chance to find out! Start by setting the scene. With your team, create a fantastical setting for an imaginary D&D storytelling adventure that combines or reimagines historical facts. Collaborate with your group to build on what you know about ancient civilizations, such as the Roman Empire, Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt, or Mesopotamia, as well as the civilizations of more modern times. As you brainstorm, consider the following questions:

1. Who are the inhabitants of this world? Are there different groups?
2. What is the basic social structure of this world? Tribes? Towns? Cities? Empires?
3. What is the system of governance?
4. Describe the natural resources.
5. Describe the economy. Are goods and services produced and/or traded?
6. What are some of the beliefs of the inhabitants?
7. What is valued in this world? What is scorned?
8. Describe some cultural practices of your world.
9. What is the name of your world?

Now, bring your realm to life. Create a slide show to present it to the rest of the class. Include a map, sketches, and details related to the items above that represent your world. Compare it to the real-world societies you built on.

PLANNING NOTES

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