

Create Characters Which are Out of this World

“Normal” humans but unusual physical characteristics: (examples: unibrow, midget sized, albino, eyes at the end of their arms)

Humans with special powers: (examples: telepaths, shapechangers, immortals)

Fantasy characters: (examples: Wizards, fairies, talking unicorns, trees that morph into animals)

Aliens (examples: methane breathers from gas giant planets, ice creatures, bacteria that takes over the world)

Is your character male/female/neither?

What role does your character play? Is he a leader/follower/warrior/artist/ priest/scribe/explorer/ or something else?

Consider: Is your story more scientific or magical? This answer will shape your characters. If magical—where does the magic come from? (nature, plants or animals, artifacts, inborn talent, gods). If scientific—what are the factors that govern your character’s life? (Example: your characters must wear oxygen masks outside because there is no oxygen left on earth.)

What year does your character live in?

What is his/her name? Make sure the name matches the genre!

What distinctive clothing does your character wear? Hat? Shoes? Jewelry?

What weapons does he/she carry?

Does he/she require particular food or drink to survive?

List unique facial and body characteristics. Note: If your character has some distinctive bodily feature, such as additional body parts or no hair, then consider how this body part functions and/or what are the consequences of his unique characteristic. If he/she has special powers, how do others respond to him? Are there any negative consequences of having this power or gift?

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