# Story Bible Template

For examples, refer to *Power Author: A Quick Guide to Building Your Story World* by Ben Wolf

## Character Profiles

(Copy and paste this blank template as many times as needed. Feel free to add your own lines to expand this character profile. Any of these sections may fill several pages. You may delete all instructions of gray text within this document at your discretion.)

Insert Character Name – Insert Character Type

Weapon Proficiencies:

Armor:

Personality Type:

Age:

Height/Weight:

Appearance:

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Backstory:

Physical quirks:

Important Lines of dialogue (either said about character, to them, or by them):

## Core Character Values

*(Copy and paste this blank template as many times as needed. Feel free to add your own lines to expand this character area of your profile. Copy and paste the entire block to create a new set of character values. You may also combine this section with the previous page.)*

Insert Character Name

- Nothing is more important than
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## Character Names List

(Fill in the bullet points with character names and relevant details you want to include. Copy and paste the entire block to create a new book. Add more lines/bullets as needed.)

<u>(Insert name of book in which character appears)</u>

- Insert character name – insert character description
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## Characters that can/should pop up later in the series

(Fill in the bullet points with character names and relevant details you want to include, especially how/when you see them potentially making their return. Add more lines/bullets as needed.)

- Insert character name – insert character description/return info
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## People Groups & Creature Types

(Fill in the bullet points with people groups, creature types, and any relevant details you want to include. Add more lines/bullets as needed.)

- Insert people group/creature type name – insert description
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## Places & Locations

(Fill in the bullet points with places and locations, and any relevant details you want to include. Keep in mind the necessary hierarchy as you get more and more granular. Add more lines/bullets as needed.)

Insert Continent/Planet Name (ALL CAPS recommended)

- Insert Country Name
  - Insert City/State/Geographical Feature Name – Insert relevant details
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**Places – Other Forms of Place Names/Citizen Names**

(Fill in the bullet points with any relevant details you want to include. Keep in mind the necessary hierarchy as you get more and more granular. Add more lines/bullets as needed.)

Insert Continent/Planet Name (ALL CAPS recommended) – Insert form of citizen naming convention (ex. Mars – Martians; America – Americans)

- Insert Country Name – Insert form of citizen naming convention
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## Unique Laws & Customs (By Location)

(Fill in the bullet points with any relevant details you want to include. Keep in mind the necessary hierarchy as you get more and more granular. Add more lines/bullets as needed.)

Insert Continent/Planet Name (ALL CAPS recommended) –

- Insert overarching laws and/or customs
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- Insert overarching laws and/or customs

    o Insert Country Name
    - Insert overarching laws and/or customs
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## Soldiers, Colors, & National Army Info

(Fill in the bullet points with any relevant details you want to include. Keep in mind the necessary hierarchy as you get more and more granular. Add more lines/bullets as needed.)

Insert Continent/Planet Name (ALL CAPS recommended)

- Insert Country/Group/Organization Name
    - Insert descriptions of armor/clothing colors – Insert relevant details
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**Relevant Continental/Story World History**

- <u>Insert Country/Group/Organization Name</u>
    - Insert relevant historical details
    - Insert relevant historical details
    - Insert relevant historical details
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**Pantheon**

- Insert deity name – insert relevant description/information
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**Ships, Vehicles, Modes of Travel, & More**

(Fill in the bullet points with any relevant details you want to include. Add more lines/bullets as needed. Divide this into separate sections if need be.)

- Insert ship/vehicle/mode of travel name/type – insert description
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## Objects & Weapons

(Fill in the bullet points with weapon names or types and any relevant details you want to include. Add more lines/bullets as needed. Divide this into two separate sections if need be.)

- Insert weapon or object name/type – insert description
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**Magic**

Insert Type of Magic

- Insert description or details about this magic
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**Energy Sources**

(If your story includes unique energy sources, record necessary information for them here. Add more lines/bullets as needed. Break it down as specifically as you need to.)

Insert Type of Energy

- Insert description or details about this energy
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**Assorted Story World Info**

(Fill in the bullet points with any relevant details that don't neatly fit into a previous category. Add more lines/bullets as needed. Some suggestions are provided for you below.)

Setting/Weather Info

- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
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Naming System Ideas

- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
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Internal Group/Character Conflicts

- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
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Insert other info here

- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
- Insert description/information
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**Title Ideas**

(Fill in the bullet points with title ideas for the book/books in your series. Add more lines/bullets as needed. Some suggestions are provided for you below.)

Series Titles

- Insert series title idea
- Insert series title idea
- Insert series title idea
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Individual Book Titles

- Insert book title idea
- Insert book title idea
- Insert book title idea
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Book Subtitles

- Insert book subtitle idea
- Insert book subtitle idea
- Insert book subtitle idea
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**Marketing Copy**

(Fill in the space below with your practice attempts at writing compelling marketing copy. Be sure to include the final version for your book for both the ebook description page and the print copy back cover.)

Ebook Description Page Marketing Copy

(write your blurb here)

Back Cover Marketing Copy

(write your blurb here)

**Book Synopsis**

(As a prelude to creating your book's outline, write your detailed synopsis, including the ending, here. I recommend starting with a strong hook—a one-sentence description that strikes to the core of your book. It should include the gist of the high concept that drives your story forward. Consider writing both a short synopsis first and then expanding it into a longer synopsis later on.)

Hook: (Insert story hook here)

Short Synopsis

(write your short synopsis here)

Long Synopsis

(write your expanded synopsis here)

## Book Outline

(If you want everything in your story bible to stay in the same document, copy and paste your entire outline starting on this page. Use the free three-act structure template on **www.benwolf.com/authorpower**.)

**Story World Map**

**Once you've reached this page, then…**

# Congratulations!

You've completed the initial setup of your story bible.

Keep adding to it as you create new elements for your story world.

And most importantly, keep writing!