It's a Wonderful World Building Worksheet

CREATE A FANTASY WORLD	BUILD YOUR STORY IN THE 'REAL WORLD'
Time – What is your fantasy world going to be like compared to the real world? Will it be futuristic (new technology, evolved species), modern (similar to today in technology, the way being relate, knowledge of the universe), historic (primitive or unevolved, little to no technology, tools etc.)? Or will you create a world that exists outside of time.	**Time** – Decide when your story takes place. Is it in the past, present or future? You can pick a general time period or a specific year. If you choose a time in the past, or even the present, do your research and get your facts right. Choose a season of the year, or any combination including all of them. It will affect the story and characters.
Place – Where is your world located? In Space maybe on another planet. Perhaps it takes place in another dimension. Maybe it's a fantasy version of earth. Perhaps your world exists only in someone's mind. Describe it. Give us the details without being info dumpy.	**Place** – What is the setting of your story. What country do your characters live in? What State? Which City? Do they live in a rural or urban setting? Do they live near a river? On the beach? What kind of beach? There are beaches in northern Alaska or beaches in the Bahamas, Mediterranean, the middle east. Perhaps they are in the mountains, or in a desert. Maybe your entire story takes place aboard a yacht drifting on the ocean.
Population – What type of beings inhabit your world? Aliens? Humans or humanoids? Mythical creatures such as dragons, fairies, or ogres? Perhaps your world is inhabited only by spirits. Know all the same things about your beings as you would about any other character, and then make them come alive for the reader.	**Characters**: Who are your characters. What are their dreams, fears, strengths and flaws? Know your characters and you will understand how they see the world. Each one will have their own world based on who they are. A little girl who has been sheltered and loved will see the world differently than an old man who lived a lifetime of war and poverty.
Society – What are the rules of your world? What type of rulers/hierarchy/government does it have? What are the laws of nature and science on your world? Does fire burn purple? Is there gravity?	**Social** – Are your characters/ your town/ the neighborhood where your story is set rich or poor? Are your characters educated? What type of culture do your characters live in? (for example, I write Christian fiction so the Christian culture figures prominently. What is the social status of your character(s)?
History – What is the Genesis (creation) story of your world? Has there been wars or disasters that changed the course of its history? What about tragedies, achievements, cultural shifts?	**Background** – This refers to the history of your characters' lives, the setting they live in, or the place they came from. What are the beginnings of each person/place? What are the things that have shaped your characters and the places in your story?