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Class 6

Worldbuilding I

Format

Clichés are laziness (fanfic <u>can</u> be good but promotes lazy habits)

Places to start building a world -Physical planet -Differences (Hyperion) - how a volcano in Iceland led to the French Revolution -8 month eruption in 1783 Lakagigar (Laki)

Necessity (Delany - Babel-17) -Navigators/War

Culture (base on/extrapolate)

Super realism with <u>ONE</u> twist (Harry Potter, preternatural)

Historical Research (finding details of student life in early 20th century UK)

When Hollywood gets Boston/MIT wrong -

Sex & Stuff Books (Best sellers w/Brand names) Mainstream but ALSO worldbuidling

Delany - Babel 17 – Reveals! - structure

World tropes? originality?

Which tropes does Delany use?

list/name some details that he uses to build the reality of this world

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