

A FAST, PRINTABLE STARTER

Your worldbuilding at a glance.

Twelve essentials. Check each item as you build your science-fiction setting - on paper or inside The Novelist.

PROJECT / WORLD

TWELVE CHECKPOINTS

APP LOCATION

☐ 01 Premise & stakes Define the one change and why it matters.	BOOK + NOTES
☐ 02 Scientific rules Set limits, trade-offs, and research gaps.	RESEARCH + NOTES
☐ 03 Geography Create places and their physical boundaries.	LOCATIONS
☐ 04 Infrastructure Check water, power, sanitation, and decay.	LOCATIONS + NOTES
☐ 05 Organizations Identify power, alliances, and rivalries.	ORGANIZATIONS
☐ 06 Daily culture Describe habits, values, and inequality.	NOTES + CHARACTERS
☐ 07 Technology Choose uses, breakdowns, and costs.	RESEARCH + NOTES
☐ 08 Logistics Trace food, supplies, medicine, and travel.	RESEARCH + LOCATIONS
☐ 09 Characters Give everyone world-shaped goals and fears.	CHARACTERS
☐ 10 History & secrets Mark turning points and hidden truths.	EVENTS + SECRETS
☐ 11 Scene integration Reveal the world through decisions and action.	CHAPTERS
☐ 12 Continuity Check rules, facts, dates, and backups.	CHAPTERS + NOTES

THREE THINGS I NEED TO ANSWER NEXT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____