Basics

**Are the laws of nature and physics actually different in this world, or are they the same as in real life? How does magic fit in? How do magical beasts fit in?**

- Gravity is reversed

- Planet is hollow

- fantastic insect creatures are involved

- ‘science’ is not realistic

- no magic

**Is this generally an earth-like world? Is it an “alternate Earth”?**

**Are there different human races, whether or not there are non-humans like elves or dwarves? How does the cultural and ethnic diversity of this world compare to the real world?**

**How long have there been people on this world? Did they evolve, or did they migrate from somewhere/when else?**

**How many people are there in this country? How does this compare with world population? What is considered a small town/large town/city in terms of number of people?**

**Where does magic power come from: the gods, the “mana” of the world (as in Larry Niven’s “Warlock” stories), the personal willpower or life force of the magician, somewhere else? Is magic an exhaustible resource? If a magician must feed his spells with his own willpower, life-force, or sanity, what long-term effects will this have on the health and/or stability of the magician? Do different races/species have different sources for their magic, or does everybody use the same one?**