

# *Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition*

## *Dungeon Master's Resource List*

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If you have any suggestions for material/links to add to this list, please submit it on the [TTRPG Resource Submission Form](#). Here's to many a happy adventure!

**I've launched a website which will be updated frequently  
with new content *instead* of this document.**

***Check it out at***

**[www.dnd-compendium.com](http://www.dnd-compendium.com)**

## **REFERENCE**

### **System Reference**

- 5th edition quick ref (5eTools) can be found online.
- [SRD version 1](#)
- [SRD version 2](#)
- [SRD version 3](#)
- [D&D Next Index](#)
- [Skill Definitions](#)
- [Player's Actions and Effects QuickRef](#)
- [Online DM Screen](#)
- More system ref <https://tools.oblivionkeg.net/>

### **DM Tips, Tricks, and Tools**

- **Written Advice and Guides**
  - [The Ten Commandments of GMing](#)
  - [Matt Colville's written advice to new GMs](#)
  - [So You Want to DM: Advice for New Players](#)
  - [Geek and Sundry's Basic Tips for a Novice DM](#)
  - [\[GoblinsComic\] Dungeon Master Tips](#)
  - [\[NewbieDM\] 87 GM Tips](#)
  - [\[Kassoon\] DM Lessons](#)
  - [Making Meaningful NPCs](#)
  - [Help with Religions](#)
  - [Let's Build a Fantasy Setting](#)
  - [Medieval Inns and Taverns](#)
  - [\[The Alexandrian\] System-neutral GM tips](#)
  - [How to Make a Campaign TL;DR](#)
- **Making Dungeons**
  - [Simple but Effective Dungeon Building Guide](#)
  - [The Rusty Battleaxe - Dungeon Design](#)
- **Comprehensive Collections of Information**
  - [\[Google Drive\] Dungeon and Game Master Tools](#)

- [\[Reddit\] The Complete Hippo](#)
- [Farland DM and Player Tools](#)
- <http://gamemastering.info/>
- [Nerzugul's DM ToolKit](#)
- [DnD Speak: d100 lists of useful material](#)
- **Campaign Management Tools**
  - <https://www.dnd-compendium.com/dm-resources/campaign-managers>

## **Dungeon Mastering Video Guides**

- [Matt Colville's Running the Game](#)
- [Matthew Mercer's GM Tips](#)
- [Sly Flourish - Helping New DMs](#)
- [Sly Flourish's Return of the Lazy Dungeon Master](#)
- [How to be a Good DM](#)
- [How to be a Great Game Master](#)

## **Unearthed Arcana Lists**

- [List of Unearthed Arcana \(UA\)](#)
- [\[Google Drive PDF\] Unearthed Arcana Vol. 1](#)
- [Race and Class lists with all variations](#)

# **GENERATORS AND TOOLS**

## **Compilations of Multiple Generators**

- [donjon.bin.sh](#)
- [AutoRoll Tables - Github](#)
- [BehindTheTables Giant Generator collection](#)
- [Red Kat Art DnD5Tools](#)
- [RP Tools](#)
- [Chaotic Shiny](#)
- [Abulafia Generators](#)
- [D12dev](#)
- [Kassoon D&D tools and Generators](#)

## **Items**

- [Weak Magic Item generator](#) provides flavor for items weaker than +1 but so much more interesting
- [Sane Magic Item Prices](#)
- [Effects for Magic Weapons](#)
- [Inspiration for Magic Item Sets](#)
- [Some Homebrew Magic Items](#)

## **Loot**

- [One Loot Table to Rule Them All](#)
- [d100 for random loot on random NPC's](#)

## **Dungeons**

- [Quick Dungeon Map Generator](#)
- [Megadungeon generator](#)
- [PolyDungeon](#)

- [Cave generator](#)
- [Wizards' Dungeon generator](#)

## **Demographics and Markets (see also: MAPS AND MAP-MAKING TOOLS)**

- [Town generator](#)
- [Demographics Generator](#)
- [List of Medieval Occupations](#)
- [List of Medieval Occupations #2](#)
- [Medieval Demographics](#)
- [Town Notice Board](#) (d100)
- [Black Market Ideas](#)
- [Town Market Inventory Generator](#)
- [Tavern Generator](#) - Includes a menu!

## **Shops and Equipment**

- [Shop Catalog version 1](#).....[Shops Catalog version 2](#)
- [More Market Details](#)
- [Homebrewed Magic Item crafting/selling rules](#)
- [Mundane Goods and Martial Equipment](#)
- EXTRA: [Shop Names](#), and [MORE SHOP NAMES](#)

## **Calculators**

- [Point-Buy calculator](#)
- [Dice Roller](#)
- [Encounter Calculator](#)
- [CR Calculator Online](#)

## **NPCs**

- [DM Heroes](#) (includes a portrait)
- [Detailed NPC StatBlock Generator](#)
- [NPC Generator \(more RP focus\)](#)
- [Name Generator](#)
- [NPC background generator](#)
- [Memorable Mooks and Minions](#)
- [Random NPC generator, not for 5th ed](#)

## **Substances**

- [Drugs for D&D](#)
- [Poison Generator](#)

## **Riddles**

- [Riddle Collection 1](#)
- [Riddle Collection 2](#)
- [D100 Riddle Table](#)

## **Other Tools**

- [Initiative Tracker](#)
- [Fantasy Calendar Generator](#)
- [Character Money Splitter](#)
- [Wild Magic Table with 10,000 effects](#)

## **SPELL LISTS**

[Spreadsheet Spell List](#)

[Filterable Spell List Style 1](#)

[Filterable Spell List Style 2](#)

[Filterable Spell List Style 3](#)

EXTRA: [Printable Spell Cards](#) and MORE [D&D Spell Cards](#)

## **ADVENTURES**

Official Modules: [dnd-compendium.com/dm-resources/adventure-guides](https://dnd-compendium.com/dm-resources/adventure-guides)

[The Great List of 5e Adventures](#)

[Adventure Lookup](#)

[Free one-shot adventures](#)

[Some Roll20 Sessions to watch](#)

[Suggested changes or errors in Adventure League modules](#)

## **CHARACTER SHEETS**

[D&D Compendium - Character Sheets](#)

## **ALTERNATIVE DM SCREENS**

[D&D Compendium - DM Screens](#)

## **MUSIC AND SOUND**

[D&D Compendium - Music and Sound](#)

## **MAPS and MAP-MAKING TOOLS**

### **1) Map Collections**

- [Google Drive] [Map Collection](#)
- [Google Drive] [Another RPG Map Collection](#)
- [Dyson's Dodecahedron free map archive](#)
- [David Rumsey Map Collection](#)
- [Real City Maps throughout history](#)
- [Coastal Battlemaps](#)
- [/r/BattleMaps](#)
- [\[2minutetabletop\] BattleMaps](#)
- [Cartography Guild Tactical Maps](#)
- [More maps, unsorted](#)
- [Google Image Search] [Small Area Maps](#)
- [Google Image Search] [Large Area Maps](#)

### **2) Random Generators**

- [Medieval fantasy city generator](#)
- [Random City Map Generator](#)

- [Another City Map Generator](#)
- [And another city map generator](#)
- [Inn Floorplan Generator](#)
- [Planet Generator](#)
- [Continents generator](#)
- [Random Terrain generator \(advanced coastal algorithm\)](#)
- [\(Stanford CS project\) Polygon World Map generator](#)

### 3) Map-Making Tools

- [Inkarnate](#) - Comprehensive in-browser map-making software
- <http://pymapper.com/>
- [Mipui's Map Maker - In-browser map tool](#)
- [Hobbyte](#) - Isometric map-making software
- [Dungeon Painter Studio](#) on Steam (\$14.99 USD)
- [Pro Fantasy Software](#) (expensive)
- <http://fantasticmapper.com/> - Hex Mapping
- [Illwinter's Floorplan Generator](#) - Terrain generator on Steam (\$5 USD)
- [Dungeonographer](#)
- [Hexographer](#)
- [Worldographer](#) (AKA Hexographer II)
- [ArkenForge](#) - Make maps for Virtual Tabletops, or run it on a TV for use as a dynamic grid map with fog of war

### 4) Map Assets

- [Giant Collection of Map Assets](#) (for Roll20 and similar)
- [10x10 modular map tiles](#)
- [Icons for VTT](#)

[How to Draw a Map Using Photoshop/Gimp](#)

[Map Maker Forum](#)

Hexcrawl campaign guide <http://www.welshpiper.com/hex-based-campaign-design-part-1/>

[The DM's Map Drawing Guide](#)

## **TRAPS and DUNGEON PUZZLES**

[Grimtooth's Traps](#)

[Trapmaking 101](#)

[Traps Revisited \(Unearthed Arcana\)](#)

[Trap Collection](#)

<http://www.thievesguild.cc/traps-and-tricks>

[On Tricks, Empty Rooms, and Basic Trap Design](#)

[More Dungeon Puzzles](#)

## **(SOME) ENCOUNTER OPTIONS**

[\[Goblinist\] Encounter Builder](#)

[City/Town Encounters 1](#)

[City/Town Encounters 2](#)

[City/Town Odd Encounters](#)

[Some random road encounters](#)

[More Random Road Encounters](#)

[Travel Sights](#)

[How to Build F\\$&%ing Awesome Encounters!](#)

[Monster Tactics](#)

[Naval combat rules](#)

[Role-Playing an Evil Dragon](#)

[Free one-shot adventures](#)

## **HOME BREW**

[The Homebrewery - Make your own Homebrew!](#)

[DM's Workshop Homebrew Content](#)

[Detect Balance: A 5e Homebrew Race Guide](#)

[Ixor's Manual of Monstrous Findings](#)

[The Bloodborne Armory](#) - Bloodborne Weapons for 5e D&D

[Monster Module](#)

[Gunslinger Homebrew option 1](#) with an [Expansion](#)

[Gunslinger Homebrew option 2](#)

## **CHARACTER ART**

[\[Google Drive\] Massive Character Art folder](#)

[Male Character Artwork Album](#)

[Female Character Artwork Album](#)

[More Female Character Art](#)

[Even More Females \(with realistic armors\)](#)

[More Warrior Women](#)

[Character Art Collection](#)

[People Part 1](#)

[People Part 2](#)

[People Part 3](#)

[\[Images\] Character Tokens](#), and [More Character Tokens](#) and [more of the same](#)

[FarLandWorld Gallery](#)

<https://www.reddit.com/r/characterdrawing/>

<https://www.reddit.com/r/ImaginaryCharacters/>

## **REDDIT**

[D&D Subreddit](#) - SEE SIDEBAR for more links

- [/r/DnD5e](#) and [/r/DnDnext](#) for 5e-specific discussion
- [/r/DungeonsAndDragons/](#) for a smaller community

[Worldbuilding Subreddit](#) - SEE SIDEBAR for more links

[/r/DnDBehindTheScreen](#) - DMs helping DMs

[/r/BehindTheTables](#) - Chance Tables for many situations

[/r/LongDistanceVillains](#) - Let someone else run your Big Bad Evil (person/monster/thing)!

[/r/DMAcademy](#) - general DM questions

[/r/DndAdventureWriter](#) - for building adventures to share

[/r/DndMaps](#) - nothing but maps - see also [/r/Battlemaps](#) and [/r/FantasyMaps](#) as well as [/r/Inkarnate](#)

[/r/DMToolkit](#) - multimedia DM resources

[/r/UnearthedArcana/](#) for sharing and discussing Homebrew material

[/r/AdventurersLeague/](#) - AL discussion

## **DISCORD CHAT SERVERS**

### **D&D Compendium - Discord Server List**

- **Updated Oct 10, 2020, all links should work.**

**AvraeBot** - [A great D&D bot to invite to your discord server](#)

## **PODCASTS**

### **Podcasts**

- [DM Block](#) - Welcome to the Dungeon Master's Block the place where we focus on the dungeon master, the most important person in the game.

- [Role Initiative Podcast](#) - Podcast by Tribality's A.A. Amirault with advice for DM, interviews and more.
- [The Iconic Podcast](#) - A podcast about all things 13th Age
- [The RPG Academy](#) - A podcast about Role Playing Games with interviews, actual play and more.
- [The Tome Show](#) - A D&D News, Reviews, Interviews, and Advice show
- [Total Party Thrill](#) - Total Party Thrill is a podcast for GMs and players where we discuss our campaigns in order to inspire yours.

## PlayCasts

- [Adventures from the Shed](#) - Started off playing D&D 5e Starter Set, moving onto Dungeon World.
- [Call of the Wild - D&D 5e \(Video\)](#) - Well edited video of 5th edition one-shot.
- [Campaign Podcast](#) - Small, consistent group of Chicago nerds get together to record role-playing games. Currently playing Star Wars Edge of Empire.
- [Critical Hit](#) - Long running and high quality podcast by the crew at MajorSpoilers.com
- [Critical Role - Geek & Sundry \(Video\)](#) - Voice actor Matthew Mercer leads a group of fellow voice actors on their epic D&D 5e Campaign.
- [D&D's Official Twitch Channel](#) - D&D - Dice, Camera, Action @ Tu 4 - 6 PM (PDT)
- [D20 Babes \(Video\)](#) - YouTube recording of live D&D 5e actual play on Twitch
- [DnDUI](#) - Great How to Play 5th edition podcasts and interesting characters and world
- [Godsfall](#) - An actual play DungeonsAndDragons podcast following a group of D&D 5e players in a custom campaign.
- [Knights of the Night](#) - Actual play sessions of a long standing group of friends.
- [Nerd Poker](#) - Group of funny people lead by Brian Posehn gather to play D&D each week
- [One Shot Podcast](#) - Groups playing one shots using rules including Pathfinder, ROBO FORCE!, Dracula Dossier, Feng Shui and more.
- [Pretend Wizards](#) - A D&D Podcast
- [RPGENTLEMENT: The Kain Campaign](#) - At the top of the world, in the icy land of the Kain empire, a clover-loving hermit, a pretty-boy charlatan, a trust-fund barbarian, and a sentient pile of trash find themselves tasked with saving the fishing village of Undercurrent. This is their story.
- [The Adventure Zone](#) - A campaign of high adventure. Join the McElroys as they find their fortune and slay an unconscionable number of ... you know, kobolds or whatever.
- [The Formal Gamer](#) - Three friends play Dungeons and Dragons. They battle, and run and laugh. Mainly laugh.
- [The RPG Academy](#) - A podcast about Role Playing Games with interviews, actual play and more.



# ONE PAGE DUNGEONS

- [One Page Dungeon 2017 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2016 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2015 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2014 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2013 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2012 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2011 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2010 Entries](#)
- [One Page Dungeon 2009 Entries](#)

## MISCELLANEOUS

[Consensus Ranger \(Better balance between UA ranger and PHB ranger\)](#)

[\[Google Doc\] Player's Guide, as given by a DM with 25 years of playing experience](#)

[Checks and Combat guide](#)

My preferred online role-playing game-hosting service: <https://roll20.net/>

Also available: [Fantasy Grounds](#) and [Tabletop Simulator](#)

[\[Tumblr\] Out of Context D&D Quotes](#)

[Cool Virtual D&D project](#)

[Printable Character Minis](#) - here's some of the [Printable Heroes](#)

[Fantasy Botanist's Book](#)

[Broderick's Compendium of Fantasy Plants](#)

- [Reddit Post with more info](#)

[Printable Hex-grid Graph Paper](#)

[Damage descriptions based on type](#)

[Bard Songs](#)

**Pre-made homebrew campaign settings**

- <http://www.keithrobinson.me/thekyngdoms/>
- <http://sulerin.com/index.asp>
- <http://raph.com.br/kb/>
- <http://www.farlandworld.com/details.html>

[List of Magic Items created by 4chan](#)

[Papercraft Buildings](#)

[Character Titles](#)

[Maps, tiles, more tools and guides](#)

## **UNSORTED CONTENT**

[5e In-Depth Race Analysis](#)

[Another Resource List](#)

[Editable Resource List](#)

[Unsorted Collection](#)

DM Notes tips <https://newbiedm.com/2009/07/10/the-dm-binder-folder-or-notebook/>

Someone's entire campaign notes

[https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B5NsJ80BORg\\_SXNNQnFPbmotRms](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/0B5NsJ80BORg_SXNNQnFPbmotRms)

Giant list of D&D videos

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k0SnZrc5MJh7TKhiCsFIHSO5ARhSKPET9WtEIwGZbIY/edit>

Herbalism and Alchemy fan-made supplement:

[Reddit post](#)

[Document](#)

Guide to Thieves' Cant <https://imgur.com/a/dDgpo#zUuuhDj>

Spell List <https://thegrimoire.xyz/>

All-women D&D <https://www.girlsgutsgloryrpg.com/>