

A SAMPLE INSPIRATION LIST

OBJECTS & MISCELLANEOUS

Buried treasures

Magic-imbued

weapons

Gossip

Constellations

Animal familiars

Puzzles and games

Cryptic clues

Tournaments & Competitions

Archaeology

Feasts

Cool spy gadgets

Antique medical supplies and old medical

procedures

Hourglasses

Prophecies and visions

Martial arts

Watches

Cloaks

Astrology

Fortune telling (palm reading,

tea leaves, tarot)

Rainstorms

CREATURES

Animal familiars

Folk monsters

Ghosts and phantoms

Ravens

Wolves

Foxes

Animals with apparent intelligence and sense of humor

Dragons

PLOT STUFF & TROPES

Quests

Trapped together trope

Greek myths

Folktales

Rags to riches

Heists

Surprise royalty

Genetic mutations through science

Slow burn romance

Class warfare

Cold case murders

Big love declarations

Curses

Missed/almost kisses

Soul mates

Blurred distinctions between good and evil

Fate as a character

The universe as a character

Secret admirers

Secret identities

Strong female friendships

The self-improvement/life-improvement checklist or plan

CHARACTERS

Big casts of characters

Moody side characters

Cocky side characters

Impressive talents/prodigies

Eccentric millionaires

Thieves

Writers

Awkward geniuses

Bounty hunters

Street urchins

Pirates

Sisters

Chosen ones

Nerdy love interests

Wise/precocious children

Cults

Cartographers

Expert marksmen

Unconventional old women

Fortune tellers and prophets

SETTINGS

Caves

Balls/parties/dances/galas

Labyrinths & Mazes

Enchanted forests

Attics

Towers

Lagoons

Tree houses

Mansions

Castles & Palaces

Dungeons

Trains

Gardens

Cathedrals

Gallows

Creepy churches/bell towers

Busy marketplaces

Theaters

The underworld

Creepy motels

Lavish hotels

Graveyards

Secret passageways

Crypts

Libraries

Dusty bookstores