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## Aincrad *The Floating Castle*

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An impossibly huge castle of rock and iron, floating in an endless expanse of sky.

That is the entirety of this world.

A tireless, month-long survey by a team of fanatical experts found that the base floor of the fortress was more than six miles in diameter, just large enough to fit the entire Setagaya ward of Tokyo inside. And considering the one hundred floors stacked one on top of the other, the sheer vastness of the structure surpassed the imagination. It was impossible to estimate the total amount of data it all represented.

Inside the castle were several bustling cities, countless smaller towns and villages, forests, plains, and lakes. Only one staircase connected each floor to those adjacent it, and these staircases were located within dangerous mazes filled with monsters. It was difficult just finding them, much less reaching them, but once someone had cleared the stairs and arrived at a major city the next floor up, a teleport gate linking the two floors would open in every city below, allowing all players instantaneous travel among the various levels of the castle.

It was thus that, over two long years, its inhabitants slowly but steadily conquered this giant fortress. The current human frontier is the seventy-fourth floor.

The castle's name is **Aincrad**, a floating world of blade and battle with about six thousand human beings trapped within. Otherwise known as—

*Sword Art Online.*

### How to get to Aincrad

Buy the NerveGear, the world's first 'Full Dive' VR interface. It connects to your brain, transmitting signals of what you do in the virtual world, then intercepting and manipulating the signals sent by the user's brain. When using NerveGear, all the signals sent by the brain are blocked and processed so that they only affect the avatar in the virtual world. This ensures that when you walk or move your limbs in the VR world, you will not be doing it in real life.

Next, buy Sword Art Online, the world's first VRMMORPG (Virtual Reality Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game). Once you connected to the LAN and have calibrated the device, say the initiation command, "Link start". You will be teleported to the Teleport Gate Plaza, inside the Town Of Beginnings on the first floor of Aincrad.



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**Once you have logged-on, you will receive a friendly announcement from the developer of the NerveGear and Sword Art Online, Akihiko Kayaba:**

My name is Akihiko Kayaba. I am currently the one and only person who can control *Sword Art Online*. I'm sure that by now most of you have noticed that the log-out button on the main menu is missing and is preventing you from returning to the real world. However, this is by no means a mistake.

I repeat, it is not a mistake but a feature of the true *Sword Art Online*. You are all unable to log out of SAO, and nobody in the real world can remove the NerveGear off your head or interrupt its operation. Turning the power off is not an option, as the NerveGear has an internal battery, which makes up a third of the weight.

Should removal be attempted, a powerful burst of microwave radiation emitted from a transmitter in the NerveGear, which is the same one that helps you experience 'Full-Dive' VR, will destroy your brain, thus ending your life.

Unfortunately, it is certainly possible that a player's family or friends will ignore this warning and attempt to forcefully remove the NerveGear. As proof of this, 213 players have retired from the both this virtual world and the real world.

News of my warning and the numerous victims has been spread worldwide. Thus, it should be safe to say that the danger of removal attempts has become minimal. I hope you will all be at ease and focus on completing the game.

But I'd like you all to keep this in mind. All methods of revival in the game will no longer function. If your HP hits zero, your avatar will perish for eternity, and at that moment, the NerveGear will destroy your game.

There is only one condition you must meet to be free: The completion of this game. You are currently on the first floor, the lowest point in Aincrad. If you conquer a floor's dungeon and defeat the Floor Boss, you may continue up to the next one. Assuming you manage to defeat the final boss on floor 100, the game will be considered cleared, and you will be logged out, being returned to reality.

I look forward to seeing who amongst you defeats the Final Boss.

That is all.

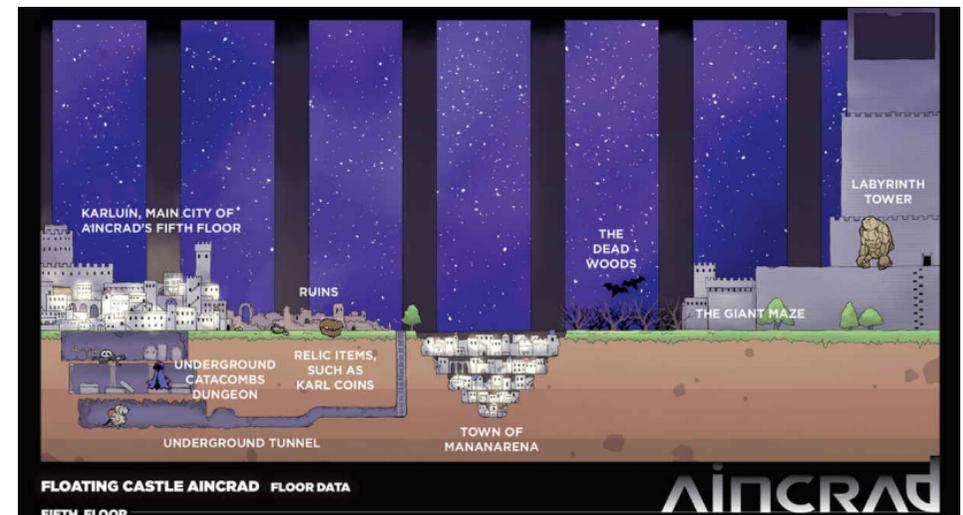
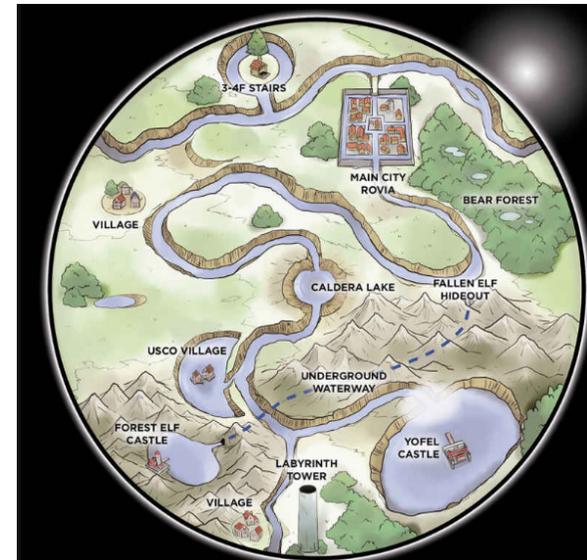
Good Luck.

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**Map of some of the floors (The**

**first few are in your map directory; these are for the floors above)**



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## SWORD ART ONLINE

### **Book and Personal Details**

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## Kanchenjunga guide

Kanchenjunga is the highest mountain in India and the third highest in the world at 8586 metres. The mountain lies on the India Nepal border in a section of the Himalayas called the Kanchenjunga Himal. The name Kanchenjunga translates to “the five treasures of the snow” due to the fact that Kanchenjunga has five peaks and is often regarded as one of the most beautiful mountains in the world. First summited on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1955, Kanchenjunga was the sixth mountain above 8000 metres to be climbed. However, the summit of Kanchenjunga is sacred, and it is believed that if someone steps foot on the summit, it will unleash hell on Earth. Because of this, the International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation (UIAA) recognises that a successful summit is being 6 feet from the summit.

Not everyone who visits Kanchenjunga climbs it. There are a lot of hiking spots in the foothills of the mountain and some people just come to take a picture of Kanchenjunga in all its glory.





## HUNGERGAMES ARENA

*Postcard*

Dear Mrs Austin Smith

I would like to say that Ive had a wonderful time on holiday but no, I have been visiting the Hunger Games Arena in the City of Panem.

I have not been lying on a sun bed I have been running through the forest trying to get away from the fire and the career tributes, luckily I ran into a cave where I met Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark. We made an alliance so that we can work together to defeat the other tributes. Tomorrow we are going to search for food, unfortunately there are no restaurants here! So Katniss is going to hunt with her bow and arrow she is really good at archery, since being in the arena I have learnt to use a sword so I will help hunt with that.

Hope that the games are over soon and then I can go back to school!

May the odds be ever in your favour  
Harry Godwin



Dear Katie,

I hope that you have enjoyed plunging into the pages of my world. It was a nightmare, wasn't it? At least I had Viola to help me. Prentisstown is the village made by the devil. They killed all of the women folk, and for what? So that everyone could read each other's minds, and men could hear everyone's thoughts, and no one could keep their secrets to themselves? Any man that opposed the male army of Prentisstown were slaughtered. Men, honourable men killed my Mother and then went on about their lives. How dare they!

Sorry for having a bit of a rant. It is just that so much has happened in the past weeks that have changed my life dramatically. Everything I had known has vanished leaving me with nothing but a thirst to avenge my poor Manche. I am so sorry, for leaving Manche there with Aaron, but it was Manche or Viola. I know that you burst into tears when the knife took his life. I can't sleep at night knowing that I left my faithful dog to die as Viola and I escaped Aaron's clasp. The squelch of Manche's inside made me squirm inside my skin. The knife will haunt me forever, even in my grave.

We are finally safe now, but I am still on edge. I am still in shock, but I know that no one can harm me now. Am I a dreadful person? I was so glad to see Aaron in unimaginable pain. It was a bit of- how might the people of the 21<sup>st</sup> century say it- karma. What goes around, comes around; usually at the time you least expect it. I felt a sense of relief when I saw his wounded carcass lying there, helplessly.

If anything good has come out of this catastrophe, it is that have learnt about my villages unspeakable crimes. Actually, I lied. Something else good has happened through this chain of unfortunate events. I have found out how kind people in other villages are. I vow to help anyone who is in need of my hand, just as strangers have done for me. Keep me to that promise, will you Katie?

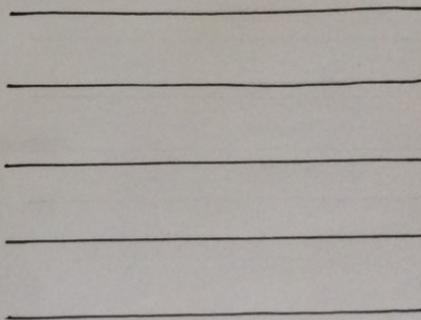
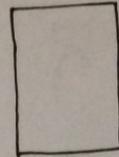
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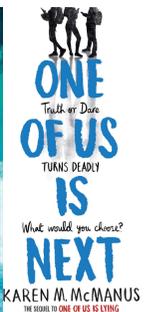
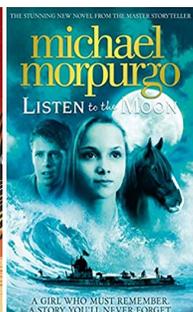
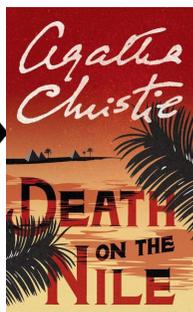
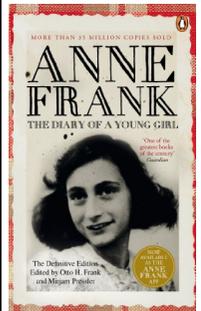
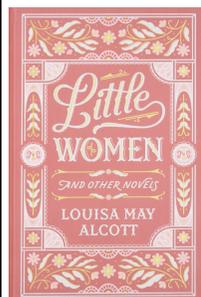
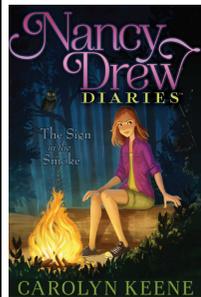


Hello,

For the past week I have been staying in a hotel in a town called Deepdean. It is quite a nice town, very small, but quite pretty. The picture on the front of this postcard is of the front of the school. It is such a beautiful old building with a grand gravel driveway and some rustic windows.

However, I will be cutting my trip short as something terrible has happened yesterday in that exact school. I don't know anything for certain but I don't want to be involved. Apparently a school mistress has been found dead... and they suspect foul play! I will be taking the next train home, see you soon.





Novel House

Chronicle Way

Book Tree Lane

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Story time Avenue



Dear Mrs Randal of **CHRONICLE WAY**,

I hope you are enjoying a magical time in *Hogwarts*- I certainly have had one busy holiday around *Book Kingdom*! I must say first though, that I definitely do owe a re-visit to *Hogwarts*, after all, it is one *extraordinary* place.

Over these few months I have enjoyed re-visiting *Spectrum Spy Agency* itself with Ruby Redfort- I took notes in her 527<sup>th</sup> yellow notebook and ate some delicious **DONUTS** at the diner! I also took my first visit ever to the forgotten territories in 'The Girl Of Ink And Stars', and it's a good job its called that it's so **spooky**! Eventually though, we did save the island from decaying. My next visit was to an **AMERICAN SENIOR SCHOOL** in 'One Of Us Is Lying', there was a horrific **murder**- or was it even a **murder??** After all that was uncovered I travelled all the way to a campsite where I spent some time with **Nancy Drew**, but not long into the trip another **MYSTERY** was in need of being solved...

As a break from mystery holidays, I saved up on train tickets to get to Plumfield, where I was kindly greeted by **MEG, JO, AMY AND BETH** in 'little women'. We had a lovely time going to parties, sewing, writing, drawing and playing the piano! Until, sadly it was time to go; then I decided to re-visit *Anne Frank* in her own world of lockdown which made me feel very fortunate that our lockdown hasn't been that hard.

After that, I wanted to go further afield and visit Egypt where I took a boat along the Nile only to be greeted with yet another **MURDER!** This time, Hercule Poirot helped me out in solving the mystery. My next trip was more local, but felt like a tropical island on the Isles of Scilly! I had a good time uncovering a forgotten story in 'Listen To The Moon'.

After all that, it turned out I was called for again to the **AMERICAN SENIOR SCHOOL** from '**One Of Us Is Lying**' to uncover 2 more unfortunate series of events- '*One Of Us Is Next*' and '*Two Can Keep A secret*'.

This is all I've got up to in my travels, but I certainly have had the most wonderful time in *Book Kingdom* and I can't wait to visit even more places!

Thank You,

*Katya Burgess 7D2*

# Where have I been?

Although we are not able to travel to many different places in our world, I have been very busy travelling in the world of books. I have even travelled through time!

I've been to so many different places that I have decided to write a travel brochure on many different adventures that I have had. I hope you're ready.

## The Philippines

My trip to the Philippines was very interesting. It taught me a lot about their culture and politics in the area. The whole experience was very enjoyable and I would definitely suggest others to make this trip. Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay

## The Middle of The Sea

Being stuck on a boat for a while was one of the strangest experiences I've ever had. This was definitely the hottest place I travelled to and the only time there was a lack of essential food and water! - Girl! Boy! Sea by Chris Vick

## The Lighthouse

This place seemed quite lonely and isolated from the rest of the town. From the atmosphere, you could tell that something or someone was missing. It was a very miserable place and I would not go there again.

## The Admirals Black House

This place seemed very mysterious even before I arrived. The people there all seemed anxious like something awful would happen at any second. I'm not sure whether the lighthouse was better or worse for the pair of us. Of course, I can't goggle about the noise upstairs. - Lampe by Annet Selzer

## Admiral's Room

The whole experience here was through I struggled so long snow for might have frozen saved I even to death with some rest creatures that were This trip quite humor... encountered a lot of death danger and near you can experiences so you want to decide if you want to take the risk! - Nowhere on Earth by Nick Lake

## Brighton

This place was the most similar to me as I already live in the UK. Travelling to university and jobs that were available there was still very interesting. I think others should definitely try this. - The story of Brighton by Dean Atta

## The Fairy Tale World

I decided to revisit the fairy tale world because it's an amazing place. Travelling through the pages of a book from our world to theirs is a magical thing. It amazes me to see all the fairy tale characters I've grown up loving in one place and seeing where they all are now. I think more people should see this because it is amazing! - The Land of Stories collection by Chris Colfer

These are just some of the amazing places I've visited recently and I can't wait to go on more adventures soon! The Carnegie books have proved to be great travel destinations for me!