



Utopia vs.

DYSTOPIA



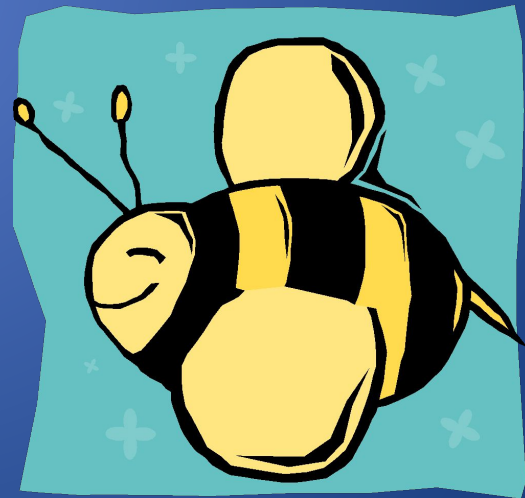


Utopian Societies



Free Write #1

- Describe what our world would be like if it were completely perfect. How would it be different from our real world?



Utopia

- An ideal community or society possessing a perfect socio-politico-legal system.



Utopian Concepts

- A beautiful society with a general pacifistic attitude
- Poverty and misery are removed
- Very few laws are necessary
- Money is not necessary
- People do only work that they enjoy and which benefits the common good

Free Write #2:

- Could a true Utopia ever really exist?



Picture 1: Look closely... Discuss your thoughts of this Utopia.



Picture 2: What is the creator of this image satirizing?
What is the humor behind the image?



Picture 3: Another painter's vision of a Utopia. Do you agree with this image?
Is this what your Utopia would look like?

Dystopia

- The antonym of utopia
- The idea of a society in a repressive and controlled state, often under the guise of being utopian
- A common setting for science fiction novels!

Characteristics of Dystopian Literature

- Fictional and futuristic
- Dystopias serve as warnings to contemporary man
- Comment on our own current society

Does this make you think of any books you have read?

Dystopia in the Making

What if. . .

- No one had to go to school?
- You could have an iPod in your brain?
- Your computer could read your thoughts?
- No one had to pay taxes?
- Everyone had plastic surgery?
- Babies were scientifically created?

Free Write #3

Science Fiction



- A genre of fiction dealing with imaginative content such as futuristic science and technology. It often explores the potential consequences of scientific and other innovations.
 - Characteristics: parallel universe, time travel, extraterrestrial life, space travel

Search for Tomorrow

This quarter:

1. **Article of the week- AoW (annotations and reflections)**
2. **Dystopian readings (short stories and novels)**
3. **Literature Circles**
4. **Flipgrid research project**
5. **Satire and Irony**