


## KS3 English Work for website Week 8.

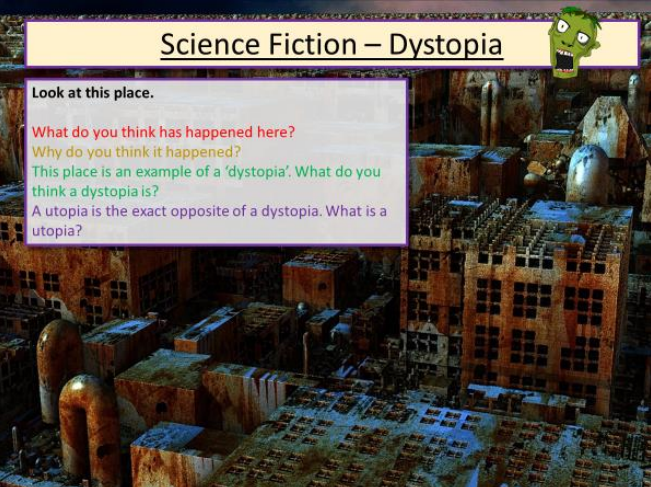
### Dystopian Fiction

#### Science Fiction – Dystopia




Look at this place.

What do you think has happened here?  
Why do you think it happened?  
This place is an example of a 'dystopia'. What do you think a dystopia is?  
A utopia is the exact opposite of a dystopia. What is a utopia?



#### 'Dystopia' and 'Utopia' are two terms commonly used in science fiction





**Dystopia** = an imagined world in which everything is unpleasant or bad, perhaps with evil people in power or a world close to destruction.

**Utopia** = An imagined world in which everything is amazing and wonderful.


1) Firstly, in your **own words** write down the meanings of 'dystopia' and 'utopia' in your exercise book so you can use them in future.

2) Answer one of the following questions:

**Come up with your own 'What if...' dystopia. Example: What if the world was taken over by zombies?**  
Why has your 'What if' dystopia happened?  
As well as your dystopia, imagine a utopian world. What has happened and why? What is life like there?




#### Some of the key conventions of dystopias are:




**Characters**

- Ordinary people in extraordinary places.
- People with tremendous power that make the people of the world scared or they worship them.
- Heroes or heroines that fight against those with power.
- Sometimes the narratives are told in **first person**.




**Settings**

- Worlds close to destruction or after they have been destroyed.
- Places under heavy surveillance or with citizens being monitored all the time.
- Places controlled by technology, for example robots.



**Thoughts and Feelings (Themes)**

- Fear
- Control (Political, corporate or religious)
- A lack of trust against nature
- Trust in technology and science
- Power
- Survival



Have you read any Dystopian fiction or watched any Dystopian films like The Hunger Games, Children of Men, 1984, Divergent, Planet of the Apes, Mortal Engines, The Matrix or Gattaca?

Use the planning sheet on the next page to start creating your own dystopia. There will be more work on dystopia to come and eventually you will write a dystopian fiction story of your own!

**Do-It-Yourself: Make Your Own Dystopia!**

Complete this dystopian conventions checklist! Keep this safe. You will need this checklist for future lessons.



**Step 1: What type of character(s) will you have? You may tick as many as you want:**

<u>Character</u>	Tick or cross	Extra Challenging: What will happen to them in the narrative?	Mega Challenging: How will this make the reader feel? Why?
Ordinary person			
A hero or heroine			
A powerful dictator (someone in control)			

**Step 2: What type of setting(s) will you have? You may tick as many as you want:**

<u>Setting</u>	Tick or cross	Extra Challenging: What will happen in this place?	Mega Challenging: How will this make the reader feel? Why?
A world close to destruction			
A world that has already been destroyed and people are trying to survive			
Somewhere where technology or science controls society			
Somewhere under constant surveillance			

**Step 3: What types of themes will you have? You may tick as many as you want:**

<u>Themes</u>	Tick or cross	Extra Challenging: How would you show this theme in your narrative?	Mega Challenging: How will this make the reader feel? Why?
Fear			
Control			
A lack of trust in nature			
Trust in technology and science			
Power			