

## Utopia

Greek words
ou("not") + topos("place")
= not a place

A place, state, or condition that is ideally perfect in respect of politics, laws, customs, and conditions.

### FREE WRITE

(5 minutes)

# Describe your "utopia."





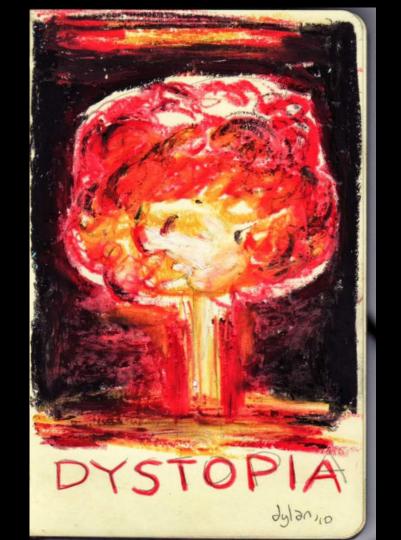
UTOPIA

DYSTOPIA

## Dystopia

A futuristic, imagined universe in which oppression and the illusion of a perfect society are maintained through control.

Dystopias make a criticism about a current trend, societal norm, or political system.







### UNIT OBJECTIVES

## You will be able to...

- <u>define</u>, <u>describe</u>, <u>analyze</u>, & <u>discuss</u> dystopian fiction in various formats
  - apply your knowledge to <u>compose</u> a dystopian creative short story

# What negative aspect of our society/world needs to improve?

How would you implement that change?

What would be the ramifications of that change, good OR bad?

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# DISEASES LIKE MALARIA

200 MILLION INFECTIONS EVERY YEAR

600 THOUSAND DEATHS EVERY YEAR

MOST VICTIMS ARE UNDER

5 YEARS OF AGE







THAT'S TWO THIRDS
THE POPULATION OF THE U.S.

THAT'S MORE THAN
THE POPULATION OF BOSTON

OVER 1,000 CHILDREN
DIE EVERY DAY

#### How would you implement that change?



Sterilizing male mosquitoes or

engineering only male mosquitoes.

#### What would be the ramifications of that change?

#### No more dengue fever!

- infects 50-390 million a year
- causes 25,000 deaths

#### No more yellow fever!

- infects 200,000 a year
- causes 30,000 deaths

No more West Nile virus, Zika virus, Japanese encephalitis, Rift Valley fever, or Chikungunya virus

# No more mosquito bites!

#### What would be the ramifications of that change?

Hospitals and pharmaceutical companies would lose money.

Thousands of plant species would lose a group of pollinators.

The number of migratory birds that nest in the tundra could drop by more than 50% without mosquitoes to eat.

Hundreds of species of fish would have to change their diet to survive.

Many species of insect, spider, salamander, lizard and frog would lose a primary food source.

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There would be overpopulation.

The economy in sub-Saharan Africa would shift.

Cities would become packed with people.

Not enough food, water & resources for everyone.

Inevitable chaos in the fight to survive.

## Group work

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Will your utopia turn into a dystopia?