





# 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.”

WOULD YOU  
CHOOSE  
A LIFE OF  
LIMITLESS  
PLEASURE?







UTOPIA



DYSTOPIA

dylan, 10

# Dystopia

Greek words

*dus* ("bad") + *topos* ("place")

= bad place

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.





# DYSTOPIA



## UNIT OBJECTIVES

You will be able to...

- define, describe, analyze, & discuss dystopian fiction in various formats
- apply your knowledge to compose 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



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

600 THOUSAND  
DEATHS EVERY YEAR



THAT'S MORE THAN  
THE POPULATION OF BOSTON

MOST VICTIMS ARE UNDER  
5 YEARS OF AGE



**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  
AND...

# 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

What negative aspect of our society/world  
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Will your **utopia** turn into a **dystopia**?