

8.05: Dystopian Fiction



Subject-Specific Vocabulary

1	dystopian fiction	(np) a genre of fiction that describes an imaginary place or society in which there is great suffering or injustice
2	mood	(n) a literary method used by writers to evoke certain feelings in readers through words and descriptions
3	semantic field	(np) a group of words or phrases that are connected by topic or meaning
4	figurative language	(np) a collective term for descriptive language that conveys meaning in a non-literal way
5	imagery	(n) a literary method used to create a particular image to convey the key ideas, messages or themes in a text
6	repetition	(n) when a single word, or a group of words, is repeated
7	expanded noun phrase	(np) a group of words made up of a noun and words to describe that noun
8	participle phrase	(np) a phrase that uses the participle form of a verb (-ed or -ing) to describe a noun
9	complex sentence	(np) a sentence that contains a main (independent) clause and one or more subordinate (dependent) clauses
10	subordinating conjunction	(np) a word that joins a dependent clause to a main clause
11	foreshadowing	(n) when the writer gives hints of what is to come later in the story
12	dialogue	(n) a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play or film

Thematic Vocabulary

13	utopia	(n) an imagined place or society in which everything is perfect
14	dystopia	(n) an imagined place or society in which there is great suffering or injustice
15	totalitarian	(adj) a political system in which those in power have complete control and do not allow people freedom to oppose them
16	propaganda	(n) information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a particular cause or point of view
17	dehumanisation	(n) the process of treating or regarding someone as less than human, for example by denying them independence
18	rebellion	(n) resistance against authority or control
19	foreboding	(n) a feeling that something bad will happen
20	societal norms	(np) the unwritten rules of behaviour that are considered acceptable in a group or society
21	cautionary tale	(np) a story that serves as a warning

Academic Vocabulary

22	convention	(n) a way in which something is usually done
23	summary	(n) a brief account of the main points of something
24	subvert	(v) to overturn or undermine something that is established

