

Y8 Dystopian Literature - Reading - Knowledge Organiser

What is dystopian fiction?

Dystopian fiction magnifies a problem in our society. It makes it as bad as possible in order to help us understand our world and the consequences of our actions.

Definition / Etymology:

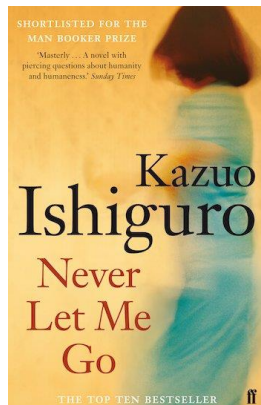
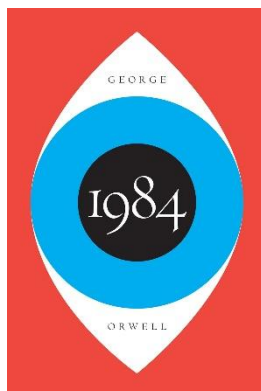
The *OED* defines a dystopia as "an imaginary place or condition in which everything is as bad as possible".

Key Texts

Legend, by Marie Lu

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

1984, George Orwell



PEATL:

Point: Make a statement in response to the question

Evidence: Include a quotation which supports your point

Analysis: Analyse what the FULL quotation suggests

Technique: Identify and analyse techniques and key words

Link: Back to the question, reader's reaction, themes, genre conventions, elsewhere in the text or context



Legend by Marie Lu

This is the novel we will be reading this half term. It is the first in a trilogy and is a *political dystopia* that explores a future run by a military along with themes of corruption and rivalry.

Marie Lu (born Xiwei Lu) was born in China and emigrated to the USA during a time of political unrest in China when she was five. She is now an American young adult author and has also written a Batman graphic novel for DC comics.

