







Dystopian knowledge organiser

<u>DYSTOPIAN FICTION</u>	Concepts	Key terminology		
<p>Definition / Etymology: The <i>OED</i> defines a dystopia as “an imaginary place or condition in which everything is as bad as possible”. The opposite of utopia (an ideal society).</p> 	<p><u>Conventions of dystopia:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlling citizens in society Restricting independent thought A leader or concept is worshipped by citizens Citizens fear the outside world Citizens conform to expectations  <p><u>A dystopian protagonist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will often will trapped and unable to escape Believes that something is terribly wrong with the society in which they live Lacks the selfish nature of those in power 	<p>Utopia Dystopia Dehumanised Dictatorship Totalitarianism Tyrannical Oppressive Propaganda Revolution</p> <p>Conformity Free will Surveillance Manipulation Corruption Isolation Fear Indoctrination Suppression</p>  		
<p>Key Texts</p>	<p><u>Typical dystopian settings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Futuristic industrial cities Destroyed natural habitat High levels of surveillance 	<p>Russia between the wars</p>	<p>The Russian Revolution began in 1917. The communist, Bolshevik government, led by Lenin, ruled until 1924. Lenin was succeeded by Stalin. The period was characterised by an increasing mistrust of diversity, intrusive surveillance and genocide.</p>	
<p><i>Divergent</i> series, Veronica Roth.</p>	 	<p>Early-Mid 20th c</p>	<p>Huge technical advancements led people to believe that there would be no need for human labour by the end of the century.</p>	
<p><i>Noughts and Crosses</i>, Malorie Blackman.</p>		<p>Relevant Terminology</p>	<p>1939-1945</p>	
<p><i>The Hunger Games</i>, Susan Collins.</p>				
<p><i>The Mazer Runner</i>, James Dashner.</p>				
<p><i>Brave New World</i>, Aldous Huxley.</p>				
<p><i>Animal Farm, 1984</i>, George Orwell.</p>				

<p><i>A Handmaid's Tale</i>, Margaret Atwood.</p>	<p>Totalitarianism: a political ideology in which all power is placed in the hands of a small minority or an individual.</p>		<p>World War II. The Tehran Conference, 1943, implied a splitting of the world into 3 'blocs'.</p>
	<p>Utopia: Siir Thomas More, who coined the term, meant it as a pun on both the Greek words 'no place' – 'outopos' – and 'good place' – 'eutopos'.</p>	<p>2008</p>	<p>The Global Financial Crash left many people, especially the young, feeling disenfranchised.</p>