

W170: Dystopia in Popular Culture

Here is a list of recommended primary sources for your final project in Unit 3. You are not restricted to this list, but if you would like to analyze something that is not on this list, **it must be approved by your instructor first**. The only restriction is that it should be a material from 1995 or later.

General guidelines: If you want to analyze a novel or graphic novel in a series, pick one novel out of the series -- **do not try to analyze the whole series in Essay 3**. For TV shows, pick a 4 minute scene out of one episode.

Novels

Ashes, Ilisa J. Bick
Ashfall, Mike Mullin
Blood Red, Maoira Young
Cloud Atlas, David Mitchell
The Darkest Minds, Alexandra Bracken
The Declaration, Gemma Malley
Defect, Autumn Kalquist
Enclave, Ann Aguirre
Epic, Conor Kostick
Epitaph Road, David Patneaude
Exodus, Julie Bertagna
Forest of Hands and Teeth, Carrie Ryan
He, She, and It, Marge Piercy
The Host, Stephenie Meyer
The House of the Scorpion, Nancy Farmer
How I Live Now, Meg Rosoff
Hunger Games series, Suzanne Collins
Inside Out, Maria V. Snyder
Into the Forest, Jean Hegland
The Knife of Never Letting Go, Patrick Ness
Little Brother, Cory Doctorow
MaddAddam trilogy, Margaret Atwood
The Maze Runner series, James Dashner
Mortal Engines, Philip Reeve
Never Let Me Go, Kazuo Ishiguro
Parable of the Sower, Octavia Butler
Paradigm, Ceri A. Lowe
Perdido Street Station, China Mieville
The Road, Cormac McCarthy
Sharp North, Patrick Cave
Warm Bodies, Isaac Marion
When She Woke, Hillary Jordan
The Windup Girl, Paolo Bacigalupi
Uglies series, Scott Westerfield
Wither, Lauren DeStefano
World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War, Max Brooks

Movies:

Children of Men
Cloud Atlas
District 9
Ender's Game (2014)
Jupiter Ascending (2015)
The Matrix (series)
Resident Evil (series)
The Maze Runner (series)
X-Men: Days of Future Past
Edge of Tomorrow
Serenity
Snowpiercer
Truman Show
Oblivion
I am Legend

TV shows:

Adventure Time
Assassination Classroom
Attack on Titan
Battle Royale
Community (specific episodes: S3E13 "Digital Exploration of Interior Design"; S5E8 "App Development and Condiments")
Death Note
Dollhouse
Doctor Who
Fear the Walking Dead
From the New World
Firefly
Fringe (Season 5)
Ghost in the Shell
Into the Badlands
Orphan Black
Parasyte
Person of Interest
Psycho Pass

Graphic Novels and Comics:

Akira

Assassination Classroom

Attack on Titan

Battle Angel Alita (Japanese manga, but set in America)

Battle Royale, (published 2003)

Bitch Planet

Death Note

Ghost in the Shell

Library Wars

Saga, Brian K. Vaughan

Tokyo Ghoul (or *Tokyo Ghoul :Re*)

Watchmen, Alan Moore

Y: The Last Man, Brian K. Vaughan

*Recommended reading for comics analysis:

Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art, Scott

McCloud

Seraph of the End

Star Trek

Sword Art Online (season 1 only)

Tokyo Ghoul

X Files

The Walking Dead

The 100s

Video Games:*

Analogue: A Hate Story

BioShock series

Borderlands and Borderlands 2

Deus Ex: Human Revolution

Enslaved: Odyssey to the West

Fallout 3

Final Fantasy VII

Half-Life 2

Hate Plus

Infamous: Second Son

The Last of Us

Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

Left 4 Dead

Mirror's Edge

Remember Me

Resident Evil

Walking Dead

Watch Dogs

**Please come talk to us if you are interested in analyzing video games for your final project!*

For resources on gaming criticism, please go to the Unit 3 Resources Page on Canvas.

Novel list assembled with the assistance of the Monroe Public Library:

<http://mcpl.info/staff-picks/After%20the%20Games%3A%20Dystopian%20Fiction%20for%20Hunger%20Games%20Fans>

Game list assembled with the assistance of Rebecca Bauman (Lilly Library)