

Script 1

Introduction to the Unit: Where Reality and Fiction Meet

“Hey!

Has this ever happened to you?

You’re watching a movie or reading a book and, all of a sudden, it makes you think about stuff that’s actually going on in the real world.

It’s like everyone in the story is living on a very different planet, but then everything they experience looks like things that real people on this planet go through.

Have you ever noticed that too?

It can’t be just a coincidence.

Can it?

Where does reality meet fiction?

Good thing I landed on this unit, because that’s pretty much what it will cover:

We’ll take a deeper look at the genre of dystopia. In case you don’t know, dystopia is an imaginary world where people lead miserable lives because they are mistreated. It’s the opposite of a utopia, which is defined as a perfect world.

We’re going to find out how **dystopian fiction and reality influence each other**.

At the end of this unit, you’ll analyze current events in the news to turn them into a synopsis for a dystopian story.

As you'll see, understanding dystopia allows us to protect what makes our society unique but fragile. Learning how authors create fictional dystopian texts can help us better understand their work and real current events at the same time.

So, take a good look at the overview of this unit and let's try to figure out where reality and fiction meet!