

Dystopian Essay and Project

To conclude our dystopian unit, you will write an essay and complete a group presentation

Essay

Write a 5 paragraph essay discussing a topic of your choice in relation to your dystopian novel. Try to stay away from the obvious and delve deeper into the world of your novel, its ramifications, and its relevance to today's world. Please use standard formatting for this essay.

Presentation

You and your team will present a project relating to your novel. The aim is not to summarize, but to immerse us into the world in your novel. This is a creative project, so you will have to think out of the box. This is a big project, so push yourself to create a memorable experience for your audience.

1. Presentations should last 15-20 minutes
2. All team members must participate
3. Do not give away important plot points
4. Do not summarize
5. Your presentation must somehow be interactive, so that the audience participates in some way
6. Be creative—how can you make your audience understand the themes of your novel without explicitly stating them?
7. Do not just stand and talk—this is supposed to be an immersive experience where the audience becomes a part of your novel for a few minutes.

Ideas:

- Create a game
- Use art: dance, paint, write, draw, play music, act
- Immerse the audience into your world by recreating aspects of your novel in class—force us to use double-speak, “torture” us, become our sovereign leader for that period.
- Have a ceremony for Ford, or replicate a key element of your society in class
- Do something to your audience—feed them, yell at them, entertain them, force them to use only their left hand to speak using only a special language.
- Think of *doing* rather than *saying*—do something that helps us feel how your characters feel.
- Think of yourself as a character in the book and put us into your world.
- We do not have to stay in this classroom—take us somewhere else.