



Knowledge Summary

Year 9 Term 4 2023/24

English



Essential Questions/Knowledge

- What is the difference between Dystopia and Utopia?
- What are the conventions of the Dystopian genre?
- What do we mean by Human Rights?
- How did the Dystopian genre start?
- How was the Dystopian genre a reaction to the conflicts of the 20th Century?
- What inspired George Orwell to write Dystopian novels?
- What inspired Margaret Attwood to write The Handmaid's Tale?
- Why does the Dystopian genre continue to be popular in the 21st Century?
- How do you structure a Narrative?
- How can you use language, form and structure for deliberate effect in your writing?

How students will be assessed on their knowledge

- Summative assessment – Writing their own Dystopian Narrative
- Pre-summative assessment – Descriptive writing based on 1984
- Low-stakes quizzes
- Peer/self-assessment
- Daily Retrieval

Questions/Knowledge to deepen understanding

- What are modern examples of Dystopia in our society and society around the world?
- What was it about George Orwell's experiences in life that shaped his novels?
- How did gender roles at the time, and the influence of religion in politics, inspire Margaret Attwood?
- How does Dystopia link back to previous genre of the 19th Century, such as Romanticism, Gothic Horror and Literary Decadence?

Key Concepts

- Dystopia vs Utopia
- Discrimination
- Prejudice
- Corruption
- Oppression

Tier 2 and 3 vocabulary linked to the unit

- Totalitarianism
- Oppression
- Dehumanise
- Censorship