



Year 8 – Dystopia

Intention: This unit of work is important because it will help students develop the key skills needed to understand both fiction and non-fiction texts. This then leads to students being able to communicate clearly within their writing and create transactional and analytical pieces of work. Key focus for this unit is on article writing		Key reading:	
Key Terminology:		Persuasive writing:	
		Article Writing	
Dystopia	An imagined state or society in which there is great suffering or injustice	Direct Address	Directly addressing your reader using personal pronouns
Articles	a piece of writing on a particular subject in a newspaper or magazine, or on the internet:	Alliteration	Repeating sounds at the beginnings of a series of words
Implied	To indicate or suggest without being stated explicitly	Facts	Using something true to support your ideas
Totalitarianism	a political system in which those in power have complete control and do not allow anyone to oppose them	Opinion	Using your own point of view on a topic
Surveillance	the act of watching a person or a place	Rhetorical Questions	A question which makes your reader think
Poverty	the condition of being extremely poor	Exaggeration	Going over the top
		Statistics	Numbers as evidence to support yourself
		Triples	Three adjectives / ideas / phrases
		Emotive Language	
			<p>Structure</p> <p>The basic structure of an article for a newspaper, magazine or website, is usually in three parts:</p> <p>opening – engaging the reader, or outlining the main point of the article</p> <p>middle – a series of paragraphs that go into more detail</p> <p>end – a concluding paragraph that draws the points together</p> <p>Within this structure you could also create a <i>circular structure</i> in which the conclusion connects back to the opening idea.</p>



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Consequences	a result of a particular action or situation, often one that is bad or not convenient	Repetition	Language which makes the reader feel a certain way		
Restrictions	an official limit or control on what people or companies are allowed to do		Repeating a key idea		
Features	a typical quality or an important part of something				
Utopia	a perfect society in which people work well with each other and are happy				
Possessions	something that you own or that you are carrying with you at a particular time				
Equality	the right of different groups of people to receive the same treatment				