

Dystopia Assignment

Step 1: New Genre Discussion by March 25th at 9:30am

Step 2: Draft of your Dystopia Assignment by March 30th at 9:30am

Step 3: Final draft of your Dystopia Assignment by April 6th at 9:30am

This is a creative writing assignment. Your work can be either fiction or nonfiction. Please write at least 700 words if an essay is the main portion of this assignment. You have the option to create a work other than an essay. Possible examples are:

A short video

A cartoon

A performance piece

A piece of music

If you decide to create a non-essay work, either it must contain at least 200 words, or you need to write a 200-word synopsis of your work.

Here are some questions to consider:

What does the word “dystopia” mean to you?

How would you deal with a reality in which your usual liberties were restricted?

What kind of positive outcomes can there be in an apparently negative situation? Can you give an example?

Can you envision a utopia? What would a perfect world be like? Is it possible?

Step One: Due March 25th at 9:30am: Read the following, and think about what genre they are. Then contribute to the New Genre Discussion.

[I'm A Nun And I've Been Social Distancing For 29 Years](#)

[This Side of Paradise](#)

[Why Outbreaks Spread](#)

[Why China's Air Has Been Cleaner](#)

In the discussion, please state whether you will choose fiction or nonfiction for your work, and please describe what makes a good example of the genre you have chosen. For this assignment, I want you to think about creative nonfiction and speculative fiction in particular, but I am leaving the options open so you can choose the subgenre that works for you.

Step Two: Free write your ideas and email me your draft by March 30th at 9:30am

Step Three: Please submit your final draft on Blackboard by April 6th at 9:30am.