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BUILDING BACKGROUND: SCIENCE FICTION GENRE – NOTES

The House of the Scorpion

SCIENCE FICTION = writing genre which combines _____ + _____

*“A good science fiction story is a story about _____ beings,
with a human _____, and a human _____,
none of which would have happened without its science _____.”*

CONFLICT GOVERNS THE PLOT PROGRESSION

(Think back to summer reading!)

SCIENCE FICTION VS. FANTASY

SCIENCE FICTION:

- ☒ some _____ that events could happen
- ☒ involves partially true laws of _____

- *DYSTOPIAN LITERATURE:*

- explore social and political structures in a dark world
 - *The Hunger Games*
 - *Divergent*

FANTASY:

- ☒ the author uses _____ characters and text features
- ☒ steers clear of scientific _____

- *URBAN FANTASY:*

- urban, modern setting with supernatural elements
 - *Harry Potter*
 - *Twilight*

ELEMENTS OF SCIENCE FICTION

1. Advanced _____
2. _____ setting / time travel
3. Alternate location
4. Strange powers
5. _____
6. Science
7. Protagonist (fiction)
8. Antagonist (fiction)
9. Conflict (fiction)
10. _____ (fiction)

COMMON MOTIFS

- Space travel to and from other planets
 - _____ travel to the past and future
 - Psychological / biological changes brought about by science
 - Supernatural powers or _____
 - Science applied to human relationships for destructive or constructive purposes
 - Alternate _____
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NOVELS:

- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *1984* by George Orwell
- *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes

MOVIES:

- *Matrix*
 - *Wall-e*
 - *Back to the Future*
 - *Star Wars*
 - *X-men*
 - *Independence Day*
 - *Avatar*
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WHY STUDY?

Teaches lessons about the value and danger of technology