

Transcript of Characteristics of Dystopia

:04 This is a quick review of the characteristics of dystopia

:11 There are 9 characteristics used to determine if a story is dystopic

:15 The first one is propaganda control.

:16 This creates a sense of us versus them and is aired on all the radio and social media available to the citizens and it only shares one point of view

:30 The second is restrictions on thoughts, information and freedom

:40 This means that you do not have the freedom to say what you would like to, you do not have the right to think what you want to and you do not have the right to access information that is forbidden.

:48 Number three is unifying belief. This can be in a scripture, in a symbol, or in a person.

:57 Surveillance. This is when everything that the citizens do is watched or assumed to be watched.

1:07 The outside world. The outside world is something that is terrifying and it is encouraged that citizens avoid the outside world.

1:16 The natural world is distrusted and humans are often cut off from the natural world

1:26 Individuality is not something that is nurtured in a dystopic society. You are to conform and to be just like everyone else.

1:40 And finally there is the illusion of a utopic society within the dystopia. Within the dystopia, everything is seen as being perfect, without any flaws.

1:54 Not all of these need to be present for a dystopia to exist.