Syllabus for Studies in Science Fiction -- Semester 1

Historical Perspective: "Decades" Unit

Videos

Fantastic Voyage: Evolution of Science Fiction

Short Stories

"The Stolen Bacillus" "The Disintegration Machine" 20s "The Mad Moon" 30s *"Thunder and Roses" 40s "The Exiles" 50s *"Repent, Harlequin" 60s "Engine at Heartspring's Center" 70s 80s "Rock On"

Thematic Perspective

Possible Human Futures - 1

Short Stories

*"The Cold Equations"

*"The Sentinel"

"Jamboree"

Videos

Blade Runner

2001: A Space Odyssey

Children of Men

Novels

1984

Brave New World

Time Travel - 2

Short Stories

*"Tricentennial"

*"All You Zombies"

*"Mimsy Were the Borogroves"

Videos

Stephen Hawking Into the Universe: "Time Travel"

Twelve Monkeys

The Time Machine (1960)

Novels

Slaughterhouse 5

**As scheduling allows, Dr. Kelly Cline may visit to speak about physics, astronomy, and Time Travel during this unit.

Robots/Artificial Intelligence - 3

Short Stories

*"Fondly Fahrenheit"

*"Who Can Replace A Man?"

*"I Have No Mouth and I Must Scream"

*"Masks"

Videos

The Matrix

StarTrek:TNG "The Measure of the Man"

Ex Machina

Novel

I, Robot (Short story collection) Excerpts from Frankenstein

Independent Reading -- 1 selection of science fiction or fantasy

Syllabus for *More Studies in Science Fiction* -- Semester 2

Historical Perspective: "Decades" Unit

Videos

Metropolis

Short Stories

"The Crystal Egg" late 1800s "Metal Man" 20s "Misfit" 30s "That Only a Mother" 40s "Death Between the Stars" 50s "The Flectric Ant" 60s "None So Blind" 90s

Thematic Perspective

Utopia/Dystopia - 4

Short Stories

"The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas"

*"Harrison Bergeron" "Burning Chrome" "Billennium"

Videos

Clips from Frankenstein

Minority Report

Brazil

Black Mirror: "Nosedive"

Novels

(The Handmaid's Tale: Excerpts) Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep

Genetic Engineering/Science - 5

Short Stories

"Macs"

"The Golden Helix"

"*BD* 11 1 86"

Videos

Gattaca Moon

Clips from Jurassic Park

Lee Silver interview by The Big Think

Novels

Blood Music

Non-Fiction Readings

TBD: Current events articles will be selected one week prior to this unit to allow us to cover the most up-to-date developments.

Aliens - 6

Short Stories

"Homelanding" "Each an Explorer"

"The Man Who Devoured Books"

"The Colour Out of Space"

Videos

Alien

(Invasion of the Body Snatchers) (The Day the Earth Stood Still)

Novels

(Childhood's End)

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Independent Reading -- 1 selection of science fiction or fantasy

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