

Science Fiction Literature is a *writing intensive* English course. This semester course will focus on the elements and writing of science fiction literature. Course completion will be accomplished through daily reading and homework, independent research and writing, and analysis of science fiction literature. There will also be weekly quizzes and unit tests.

Upon completion of the course students will have a better understanding of the elements of science fiction literature and will have explored modern and classic sci-fi literature writings.

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## Expectations

During this class students will be expected to bring with them a notebook, the novel or piece of literature currently being studied, and a pen. Students are also expected to participate in daily reading and activities within the classroom.

There will be daily homework, including the weekends. There will be quizzes at least once a week. Tests will follow the completion of each unit. There will also be at least four semester papers. The final exam will be cumulative and is described in more detail below.

## Grading Scale

The grading scale that will be used is the grading scale that has been established by the Virginia School Board and is published in the student handbook.

## Grading Components

30% Tests  
15% Homework  
15% Quizzes  
40% Papers

## Course Requirements

### Homework

There will be nightly homework (mostly reading) that will be expected to be completed. These assignments will range from worksheets, independent research and writing, and reading assignments out of the novels. This will account for 15% of the total quarter grade.

### Tests

Tests will happen at the end of each novel. The format of the test will vary, but you can expect there to be short answer as well as essay questions. This will account for 30% of the total quarter grade.

## Quizzes

There will be a quiz at the end of every week. The type of quiz will vary from week to week. Types of quizzes could possibly be multiple choice, short answer, essay, or a combination of types. This will account for 15% of the total quarter grade.

## Papers

There will be at least four major papers written during the semester. Each paper will use APA style as well as full reference sheets. These papers will account for a cumulative 40% of the total quarter grade.

Plagiarism is not going to be accepted. This includes submitting an entire paper of cited quotes from various sources. Such work will be treated as if it was not submitted and given a zero.

## Final

There will be a cumulative final given during the appointed final exam time in the fall/spring. This final will cover in-depth all of the major topics that were covered during the semester. It will be valued at 20% of your semester grade.

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## Topics Covered.

- The areas covered will include, but are not limited to
- Various short stories
  - Modern works chosen by student
  - *Jurassic Park*
  - *Hunger Games*
  - *A Wrinkle in Time*
  - *Fahrenheit 451*
  - *Time Machine*
  - *Journey to the Center of the Earth*
  - *Anthem*
  - *Frankenstein*