



Year 8 English Learning Journey

Dystopian Fiction

Spring Term

Core knowledge	Reference number
What are the key features of dystopian fiction?	
What are the key events in the novel '1984'?	
What are the key literary devices in '1984' and what are the effects of this language?	
Which dystopian features are clear in the 'The Bees'?	
How is the theme of power presented in 'The Bees'?	
What is the effect of using flashbacks in 'The Memory Police'?	
What is the relationship between the dystopian genre and historical context?	
What is the purpose of dystopian writing?	
How can I use my knowledge of dystopian conventions to write the opening of a dystopian story?	
How can I use figurative language in my writing?	

Learning Checkpoints

LC Title	LC	DIRT
How does the writer present Winston Smith at the beginning of 1984?		
How does the writer use language to present the hive?		
Write the opening of a dystopian story, introducing a society in which the government has banned one thing.		
Speaking & Listening: How do dystopian societies arise? (Discussion)		

Key Vocabulary

Pathetic Fallacy
Semantic Field
Foreshadowing
Symbolism
Flashback

Indoctrinate
Insubordination
Insurrection
Oppression
Regimented