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Science Fiction

The Return of the Sun

It was the year 3081 and it had been nine years since the Earth saw the sun and nine years since humanity started living in Underground City. Due to decades of pollution and humanity's ill-treatment of Mother Nature, the Earth had developed a thick, impenetrable, and unlivable atmosphere of rain and smog. Consequently, the government had ordered everyone to build and live in Underground City, an advanced underground fortress deemed safe and secure from the outside world.

However, today was different. There was a rumour that scientists had predicted that the sun would be seen again on this day. Susan and Bobby, a young, hopeful couple, were incredibly excited. However, the government was quick to squash this rumour.

"We, the government, remind the residents of Underground City that the sun will not be returning today. We repeat, the sun will not be returning today – or ever," said the robotic newscaster.

Despite what the news said, Susan and Bobby were determined to escape Underground City to see for themselves. As no one was allowed outside Underground City, the couple had been planning their escape for weeks. They had their disguises on, their supplies packed, and their route mapped out. Then the two set out on their journey.

When they reached the city limits, they were stopped by robotic guards. The couple lied and claimed to be on a government mission which required going outside the outer limits, but the guards did not believe them. Then, the door accidentally opened just a tiny crack and the couple made a run for it. They ducked past the large, slow-moving guards, boulders, and obstacles, and slid through the door just before it closed again. At the end of the dark tunnel beyond the door, they could see a light.

When they finally reached the end, they climbed out into an open field. It was the most beautiful, green, and lush sight they had ever seen. And the sky, the sky! It was bright blue and dappled with fluffy white clouds. And the best part was the glorious sun. Susan and Bobby basked in its warmth and heat. The sun had not just come out for an hour; the sun must have always been there. Why



had the government lied to them?

The couple could hear the sound of guards coming for them, so they ran farther into the field, farther away from Underground City and its government, and into the land of the shining sun.

A. Read “The Return of the Sun” and fill in the information.



Science fiction is a genre of literature in which the story usually takes place in an imagined future full of scientific or technological advancements and major social and/or environmental changes.

1. Setting:

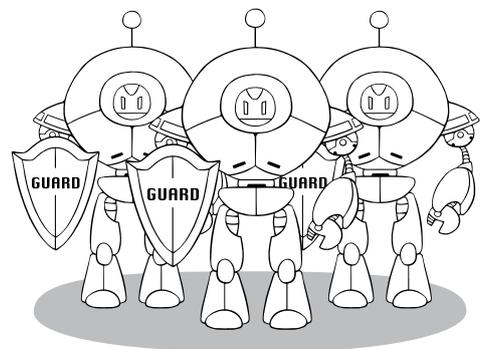
2. Main Characters:

3. Scientific and Technological Advancement:

4. Social Change:

Environmental Change:

5. Conflict:



6. Resolution:

B. Fill in the information to brainstorm ideas for a science fiction story that you will write.

Scientific and technological advancements can cover topics such as space travel, time travel, aliens, genetic engineering, robots, inter-dimensional travel, and more.



Title: _____

Theme: _____

Setting

A simple line drawing of a planet with several rings, similar to Saturn.

Characters

A small, round alien character with a single large eye, a small antenna on its head, and a friendly expression. It has two small arms and legs.

Scientific or Technological Advancements

A futuristic flying saucer or space lander with a dome-shaped cockpit and a small antenna on top.

Social or Environmental Changes

A large, leafy tree with a thick trunk and a wide canopy.

Conflict

A cartoon illustration of two people in a physical struggle, with motion lines around them to indicate movement or conflict.

Resolution

A simple line drawing of a lit lightbulb with rays emanating from it, symbolizing an idea or resolution.

