Dystopia Project

A dystopia takes current trends and exaggerates them, pushing them to the extreme in order to criticize them. Even though it is an extreme, most of the ideas are still LOGICAL progressions.

WRITE YOUR OWN DYSTOPIA

You are going to create your own dystopia. Choose several trends that you see today and imagine how these trends progress in 30-50 years. Take these trends to the extreme in order to point out how these trends could be dangers.

For example, trends you could choose COULD include**: commercialism, obesity, alcoholism, robotics, governmental inaction, pettiness in politics, social networking, etc.**

The assignment:

* Create your own dystopic story that imagines an exaggeration of two or more current trends
* The story could take the form of one of the following:
  + Short story that is at least 2 pages typed, double spaced
  + DETAILED cartoon strip including at least 15 frames (consider using a computer program called toondoo.com)
  + Skit which lasts 3 minutes minimum
  + Poem/ballad that is at least 1 page long
  + Diary entries from someone who lives in that society (2 pages
  + Television commercials—film the commercials. Together, the commercials should be at least 3 minutes long.
  + If you have an idea that is not covered by the options listed, you can talk to me about your idea. I must sign off on any project unless it is listed here.
* Include a write up that explains the following:
  + What trends you are criticizing
  + What happened to allow your world to come into being
  + What are the governing forces of your world
  + Any other major details that need to be explained about your dystopia
  + Your write up should be at least a page, typed, double spaced.

Hint: One way to structure your story could simply be to relate a “normal, day-in-the-life” story of someone who lives in your society. It could be a high school scene, a work scene, etc. Consider the descriptions of Winston’s everyday life, or Lenina’s.

Rubric:

\_\_/20 Accurately and creatively exaggerates a trend from modern day society.

\_\_/20 Includes a detailed write up that explains the society, how it came to being, and how it relates to our modern day society

\_\_/10 Creativity and presentation

\_\_\_/50 Total