

SMART™ Lesson

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Literature is a vast and varied field that encompasses many different genres, including science fiction and fantasy. In this lesson, we will explore these two popular literary genres and learn what makes them unique.

Science Fiction

Science fiction is a genre that deals with the imaginative exploration of scientific and technological advancements that might occur in the future. It often includes futuristic settings and ideas, featuring advanced machinery or exotic alternative worlds.

Science fiction often explores themes related to space travel, time travel, artificial intelligence, and the impact of technology on society. One great example of a science fiction novel is "The War of the Worlds" by H.G. Wells. This classic novel explores the idea of what might happen if Earth were invaded by Martians.

Fantasy

Fantasy is a genre that deals with magic, supernatural elements, and mythical creatures. It often includes entirely imaginary worlds and characters that do not exist in reality.

Fantasy often explores themes related to good versus evil, the power of imagination, and the struggle between the forces of darkness and light. Some great examples of a fantasy novels are "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J.K. Rowling and "The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Questions:

1. What is science fiction?
2. What are some themes that science fiction often explores?
3. What are some of the features of fantasy?
4. What are some themes that fantasy often explores?
5. Name a good fantasy novel.
6. Name a good science fiction novel.