

A synthesis essay finds a connection between two or more pieces of literature and explains the connection. In this essay you will explain the connection between these two stories: they are all dystopian fiction genre.

Paragraph 1 Introduction

**Thematic statement** – general comment that most readers would agree with on the topic of the essay – what is dystopian fiction?

**T.A.G** (title, author, genre of each)

**Describe the two pieces of literature** you are writing about here – as either part of the introduction, or as a separate paragraph (depends on how much you have to say)

**Thesis statement** – last sentence of your introduction – what is the purpose of dystopian fiction storytelling?

Paragraph 2 “Harrison Bergeron” by Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

Explain the messages and themes in this short story. By using dystopian fiction storytelling, what warning is the author trying to convey to his readers? What is the result? **Incorporate quotes.**

Paragraph 3 *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman

Explain the messages and themes in this novel. By using dystopian fiction storytelling, what warning is the author trying to convey to his readers? What is the result? **Incorporate quotes.**

Paragraph 4 Similarities

How are the two stories the same in general terms? Themes? **Incorporate quotes.**

Paragraph 5 Differences

How are the two stories different? You can be specific here. Plot? Themes? Characterization?

Paragraph 6 Conclusion

Restate the purpose of dystopian fiction storytelling and why it is an effective genre to teach readers about the future.

300-500 words

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