

PROJECT Visions of the Future – Utopia / Dystopia

 Due date

Sun 20/12



All material can be found online (*eigenen Link eingeben*).

→ **YOUR** work should also be online. *Tip*: Create a "project folder" you share with the teacher.



Be creative! **Important**: Always think about which format **you like** AND which (app/software) **works well** for the task. You can also use different formats for each task. I trust you to figure it out. 😎 If you need help, ask around. If it doesn't work out the first time, try again!



TASK I: Utopian Literature

Choose one of the four texts (= extracts of utopian novels) and work on the four tasks below.

- Thomas More *Utopia* (1516)
 - Edward Bellamy *Looking Backward: From 2000 to 1887* (1888)
 - Charlotte Perkins Gilman *Herland* (1915)
 - Ernest Callenbach *Ecotopia* (1975)
1. Sum up the main ideas.
 2. Find (up to) three utopian ideas in your chosen text. Say whether each idea can still be considered utopian today or whether it has (even) come true. Explain your choice (utopian or true).
 3. Utopias do not only present a picture of another world but to some extent they also reflect the times they were created in. What can you conclude about the background of your chosen text?
 4. Has your chosen text made you curious to read the whole novel? Say why/why not.



TASK II: Utopian/Dystopian Movies

You can easily find long lists of utopian and dystopian movies online. **Watch a utopian or dystopian movie of your choice and prepare a film review:**

- **Setting**: Describe the place the movie is set in and under which conditions the people live.
- **Plot**: Summarize what happens.
- **Characters**: Show the main characters and their connection to each other. Use adjectives to describe them.
- **Symbolism**: Name (at least) two important symbols that are used in the movie and explain in your own words what they stand for.
- **Title**: Is the title fitting or would you choose another one? Which one?
- **Conclusion**:
 - Was the movie worth watching for you? Why?
 - Which aspects did you find most interesting?
 - Would you recommend it to other students/teachers? Why?



OPTIONAL (!) TASK | Experimental utopian communities

Choose one of the five given communities and present it in a way you find adequate.

- Brook Farm / Fourierism
- Shaker Societies
- Rappites and Zoarites
- Oneida
- Icaria