



Summer Bridging Work

Subject: English

Year: 7 (Year 8 Sept 2021)

Topic/Title of what the students will be studying in September for the first half term:

Modern dystopian fiction: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Suggested background reading that will help them to understand the context of the topic to be studied:

Summary and critical notes on the novel:

<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/giver/summary/>

Relevant films/videos to watch:

The Giver, 2014 version

Activity to undertake:

- 4 separate activities related to utopian and dystopian literature on Word document.
- All English staff to upload to current Google Classrooms.

Task 1: Read extract from Kids Britannica and answer questions about the origins of utopian literature.

Task 2: Read extract from Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce and find 3 quotations to show the garden is utopian.

Task 3: Read extract from the opening of 1984 by George Orwell and list 5 dystopian features of the world described.

Task 4: Learn the key words and their definitions for a test in September. Words are organised into "Concept" words related to the themes and ideas in the novel; and "Literary / English" words to support analysis of genre and the writer's techniques.