

Elements of Science Fiction Group Presentations

As a group, you will be responsible for tracing one element of science fiction through the novel Childhood's End and interpreting its significance. Remember, authors chose to write in the genre of science fiction in order to consider the moral and ethical dilemmas of our own world and to consider possibilities for the future. It will be your job to teach the class about how this specific element functions.

You will be responsible for presenting your analysis to the class. In order to do so, you must:

- Present a thesis statement that clearly states the significance of your element in the novel
- Identify and analyze at least three passages from the novel that concern your theme and support your thesis (a close reading).
- Create a symbol to represent your analysis of the element and explain your symbol to the class. It would not be enough to present a rocket as a symbol for interest in outer space. It would be better to present a rocket with a broken engine, which represents Clarke's idea that "the stars are not for man." This rocket could be an illustration – but it would be more convincing if you could bring in a real object or something you've made.
- Create a stunning visual (poster board, power point, video or chart) to display your thesis, relevant passages, and symbol. Consider attaching your quotes and thesis to your symbol in meaningful ways.

I will be assessing you on the following components:

- Clear thesis statement
- Choice of relevant textual evidence
- Analysis of textual evidence and connection to thesis
- Insightful symbol and connection to thesis
- Neatness, organization, presentation, creativity
- Full group participation
- Completion of "Elements of Science Fiction Graphic Organizer"

Group members: _____

Element: _____

Presentation Date: _____

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