Characteristics of Dystopian Novels
- Stories about survival
- Main themes: oppression and rebellion
- The environment plays important role
- Dystopian stories take place in the large cities devastated by pollution
- In every dystopian story, there is a back story of war, revolutions, overpopulation and other disasters
- Dystopian stories take place in the future but they are about today and sometimes about yesterday.
All dystopias are keen on strict division of the citizens by intellect, ability and class.

In a typical dystopia, there is no social group except the State, or such social groups are under government control.

Independent religions do not exist among social groups, instead of that, there is a personality cult (usually of a head of state).

The institution of family has been eradicated in some dystopian societies.

Dystopian tales emphasize a sense of the powerlessness of the individuals in the face of the oppressive and brutal government run by totalitarian dictatorship.
Paranoia is very evident among the citizens of dystopian societies who live in fear and who are being monitored, betrayed or manipulated.

Hero in dystopian literature always questions society although he is usually in high-standing within the social system.

He often sees what's wrong and tries to change the system.

Dystopia is subgenre of science fiction, because it depicts fictive future societies.

In a dystopian story, society is the main villain!