

What is 'dystopia'?

- *Etymology* - Comes from Ancient Greek - 'topos' place
- an imaginary place where things are 'as bad as they can be.'
- a society characterized by human misery, disease, oppression and squalor, great injustice towards a group of citizens or the population
- We compare and contrast with our experiences, world, and world views
- **Antonym** (word with opposite meaning): Utopia – a perfect place in every way
- Examples: Wall-e, The Lego Movie, The Lorax, City of Ember, The Truman Show, Minority Report, The Planet of the Apes, 2001: A Space Odyssey

What are the characteristics of 'dystopia'?

- Often futuristic or setting is an unrecognizable place
- Control/Lack of Control
- Dehumanization
- Surveillance
- Conformity
- Lack of worldview/experience/freedom
- Environment is altered or limited to characters
- Propaganda