(Today's Date)

"Genre" refers to what category art or media (books, movies, tv shows, videogames, etc.) falls into

Common and popular genres include:

Action Comedy Romance Science Fiction	Fantasy Paranormal/Horror Historical Fiction Western	Thriller Dystopian etc.

1. What is your favorite genre of movies, tv shows, books, or video games?
2. Why? Why does this genre appeal to you? What SPECIFICALLY do you like about it?

The Hobbit

Introduction
Day 1

Genre
Exploration:

What is Fantasy?

10 Minutes:

With your group, list as many books, video games, movies, and shows for each genre.

Your goal is to list at least **TWO** titles for **EACH** box.

Science Fiction - Books

- Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep (Blade Runner!)

- Star Wars

- I, Robot

- Ender's Game

- Fahrenheit 451 (– We're going to read this next semester!)

- Brave New World

Science Fiction - Movies

- Blade Runner
- Star Wars
- I, Robot
- Ender's Game
- Alien
- *Resident Evil
- Interstellar

- The Matrix
- E.T.
- Men in Black
- Avatar
- Inception
- Wall-E

Science Fiction – TV Shows

- Doctor Who

- X-Files

- *Stranger Things

- Star Trek

- *Twilight Zone

- Firefly

- The Flash

- Battlestar Galactica

- The 100

- West World

- Fringe

Science Fiction - Video Games

- Spore
- Portal
- BioShock
- Homeworld
- StarCraft
- Half-Life

- *Resident Evil
- *Protoype
- Borderlands
- Halo
- *Dead Space

Fantasy – Books

- The Hobbit
- Lord of the Rings
- Harry Potter
- American Gods
- Red Queen
- Vampire Academy
- Uglies

- Alice in Wonderland
- Twilight
- Percy Jackson
- Beautiful Creatures
- Chronicles of Narnia
- Mortal Instrument Series

Fantasy – Movies

- The Hobbit
- Lord of the Rings
- Harry Potter
- American Gods
- Pan's Labyrinth
- Princess Bride
- Wizard of Oz

- Alice in Wonderland
- Twilight
- Percy Jackson
- Beautiful Creatures
- Chronicles of Narnia
- How to Train Your Dragon

Fantasy – TV Shows

- Once Upon a Time
- Teen Wolf
- Angel
- Shadowhunters (The Mortal Instrument Series)
- Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Grimm

Fantasy – Video Games

- SkyRim
- World of Warcraft
- Final Fantasy
- Diablo
- Fable
- Kingdom Hearts
- Baldur's Gate

- Witcher
- Legend of Zelda
- The Hobbit
- Lord of the Rings
- Harry Potter
- Alice

Paranormal – Books/Stories

- The Hitchhiker

- Goosebumps

- Amityville Horror

- Any scary story or ghost story

Why do you think there aren't many popular books in this genre?

Paranormal – Movies

- The Conjuring
- Annabelle
- Insidious
- Amityville Horror

- Poltergeist
- Blair Witch Project
- Ghostbusters

Paranormal – TV Shows

- Supernatural

- American Horror Story

- Ghost Hunters

- A Haunting

- Walking Dead

Paranormal – Video Games

- Silent Hill
- Dead Space
- Resident Evil

Fantasy

Setting is often another world or dimension

Excitement and adventure

- Timeless - least affected by age
- Mythical beings (dragons, centaurs, etc.)
- Magic and powers
- Talking animals
- Unrealistic setting
- Medieval elements, no modern technology
- Related to myth and legend (the foundations of non-realistic fiction)
- ***Heroic story of self-discovery***

Things beyond scientific explanation

Stranger, unexplainable creatures

*Not realistic

*Good vs. Evil / Light vs. Dark

*Trying to save humanity or the world

Science Fiction

- Futuristic
- Powers (through science or technology)
- Talking animals (through science or technology, think the movie "Up")
- Often includes space and/or aliens
- Advanced technology
- ***Often explores the impact of science and technology on future society*** can be a warning

Paranormal

- Can be morbid, gruesome, surreal, suspenseful, fearful
- Often about ghosts or hauntings, or good vs. evil entities (spirits)
- Brings fears to light
- Presents a way for people to face their fears in safety
- Often a blend of other non-realistic genres

Technology often opens doors to other realms, introducing unexplainable things to the "real world" - think STRANGER THINGS

In your workbook: take 3 minutes to answer #5:

5. Over the past decade there has been an explosion in the popularity of non-realistic genres. Why do you think fantasy and other non-realistic genres have such a strong appeal for students of your generation?

Lesson 2: (Really just PART 2 of Lesson 1)

- Read the article "Why the West Loves Sci-Fi and Fantasy: A Cultural Explanation" from TheAtlantic.com.

- ***Key quotes*** from this article are both **bolded** and *italicized*.

- For ***AT LEAST FOUR OF THESE QUOTES*** write a thought, comment, connection, or question you have in the column next to it on page 4 of your workbook.

Exit Ticket:

GUIDELINES:

- Answer the question below using textual evidence from the article.
- Write 1-2 GOOD paragraphs (5-8 sentences each).
- You may use the quotes from the last activity.
- Be sure to introduce the quote:
  - For example: "According to Folch, …."
- Explain how the quote supports your answer.

QUESTION:

Why is western culture so obsessed with fantasy and other non-realistic genres? What does this reveal about us?