

Science Fiction Novel Response Options

Choose from the following responses to complete using the science fiction novels that you are reading. At the top of your paper, please list the title and author of the novel to which you are referring.

1. **Setting:** Science fiction novels usually take place in interesting places and times. Write a paragraph describing the setting of one of the science fiction novels that you read. Make sure to use descriptive adjectives and phrases in your paragraph. Then, on an unlined sheet of paper, draw a picture of the setting which you described (make sure to use color!!!).
2. **Zapped!** Sometimes science fiction books can be so exciting that you almost feel as if you are taking part in the adventures right along with the characters. Pretend that you have been "zapped" into one of the science fiction novels that you read. You are now experiencing the action first-hand! Write a diary entry (5 sentences or longer) that explains what you are experiencing during an exciting point in the novel.
3. **Plot:** Science fiction stories often involve a lot of action. Choose one of the novels that you read and complete a plot line map detailing the major events of the story (remember, plot line goes from **exposition** to **rising actions**, to **climax**, to **falling actions**, and ends with the **resolution**). On the back of the map, tell what you think was the most exciting part of the story. Explain why you chose this part.
4. **Characterization:** Science fiction stories are filled with interesting characters. Choose your favorite character from one of the science fiction books that you read. Pretend that you are writing an article about this character for Life magazine. Make sure to describe the character's background, appearance, personality and accomplishments in your article.
5. **Creative Writing:** Choose your favorite character from one of the science fiction novels that you read. Briefly explain (4 sentences or less) the adventures that the character experienced in the novel. Now write a short story in which this character goes on a NEW adventure. Make sure to include lots of action and detail in your story.