

Questions to Consider While Reading Science Fiction

SETTING (TIME AND PLACE)

- Do you think that the author accurately describes scientific principles in the novel? Why or why not?
- List some details from the novel that describe science and scientific principles.
- List some items from the story that can be found now. List some items that seem to be from the future.

CHARACTERS

- Explain the characters' involvement in the plot and story line.
- How are the characters important to the action of the novel?
- Are there any characters in the story who are different from those in other genres?

PLOT (STORY LINE)

- Does the plot focus on a particular area of science or scientific principle? Explain.
- Do the characters of the story participate in a documented or controversial area of science? Explain.
- Do you think the conflict of the story is real or fictional? Provide examples to illustrate your choice.

SUMMARY

- Why do you think the author chose to write about this particular incident?
- Why is this book considered to be science fiction?
- Do you think this novel is a good or bad science fiction text, based on the definition of science fiction?
- What scientific principle or technology does the novel reveal?
- How can this novel be compared to contemporary time?

- Any other thoughts?