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?