

## Short Dystopian films

Watch some of the short films listed and choose one to study more closely and write an evaluation of the film's portrayal of a dystopian society and the key criticisms in focus. Use the SEE paragraph format (Essay Writing Outline) for your response.

Follow the following points to write a paragraph per topic.

1. Introduction: use the guide for your paragraph as outlined in the essay writing outline we have given you to plan/structure your essay. Make sure your introduction provides the specific details of the film( title, producer/author and year). Have a thesis that outlines your key points. Remember that a good thesis has 3 parts: what, how and why. (1 paragraph)
2. Explain how the features of the dramatic action (plot) make it a dystopia? Consider what the key theme or themes are and how these are introduced and developed. (1 paragraph) (Themes)
3. What techniques are used to create the dominant atmosphere, or different atmospheres/moods in the film? What do the producers do to provide audiences with a sense of what life is like. (1 paragraph- make sure you use examples and include analysis- consider sound, colour, set and props etc. Also comment on the effects created by the techniques and or evaluation).
4. Discuss how the character, or characters interact with the setting and what conflicts may arise from this. (1 paragraph with examples and analysis- eg. think about how the writer and director have created and portrayed the character to suggest specific traits or qualities. (1 paragraph)
5. Conclusion: Give your evaluation of the film by considering its purpose, what aspects are effective and what areas or features have limited its achievement. Do you have suggestions for improvement? (1 paragraph)

**Length: minimum 5 paragraphs**

1. Gadget

<https://vimeo.com/202071498>

2. Pretty- animated- no differences permitted

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44Vh\\_w\\_Qb1A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44Vh_w_Qb1A)

3. Sleeping City

<http://digg.com/video/you-are-awake-dystopian-sci-fi-film>

4. Sunspring – written by an algorithm

5. The Listener- a society where everyone is listened to.

<http://www.firstshowing.net/2016/watch-dystopian-sci-fi-short-film-the-listener-by-michael-gilhooly/>

6. The Sand Storm- imagines a world with 'severe water shortages and technology a hindrance'

<http://nofilmschool.com/2014/09/new-apocalyptic-christopher-doyle-shot-short-film-will-leave-you-wanting-more>

7. The Problems Anonymous

<https://www.shortoftheweek.com/2017/02/27/the-problemless-anonymous/>

8. Hyper reality

<https://www.shortoftheweek.com/2016/09/27/hyper-reality/>

9. The Nostalgist

<https://www.shortoftheweek.com/2016/05/04/the-nostalgist/>