

## OBHS Core Questions:

Subject: ENGLISH

Year and Term: Year 8 – Autumn 1

Topic: Dystopia



Learn these questions to build a strong foundation of knowledge for this half-term. Ask family or friends to test you regularly, or practise on your own using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write' method.

	Question	Answer
1.	Define the term ' <b>utopia</b> '.	An imagined, future place or society that is <b>ideally perfect</b> in all aspects.
2.	Who coined the term 'Utopia' in his book titled <i>Utopia</i> ?	Sir Thomas More
3.	What does the word 'utopia' translate to?	No place
4.	Define the term ' <b>dystopia</b> '.	An imagined, future society that is <b>deeply flawed, oppressive, or nightmarish</b> , often under the guise of being perfect or orderly.
5.	List <b>three characteristics</b> of a dystopian society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Authoritarian governments or dictatorships</li><li>• Extreme surveillance</li><li>• Extreme inequality (the upper-class exploit the lower class)</li><li>• Loss of individual freedom</li><li>• Environmental devastation</li><li>• Widespread suffering</li><li>• Technologically advanced</li><li>• Violent</li></ul>
6.	Define the word ' <b>convention</b> '.	a way in which something is usually done Something typical, expected and followed.
7.	Who wrote the dystopian novel ' <b>1984</b> '?	George Orwell
8.	Define the term ' <b>deduction</b> '.	To make a judgement about something based on the information you have in front of you. This is based on obvious evidence.
9.	Define the term ' <b>inference</b> '.	To form an opinion/make a prediction based on information you have in front of you. An inference is not always obvious and is formed by your personal views.
10.	Who is ' <b>Big Brother</b> ' in the book <b>1984</b> ?	<b>Symbol of Control:</b> He represents the <b>Party's absolute power</b> , surveillance, and psychological manipulation. He is the leader of the state, however, he appears on posters/TV as a reminder of his power.
11.	Which language device has been used in the quotation ' <b><i>It was a bright cold day in April</i></b> '?	Oxymoron

12.	Who wrote the dystopian novel ' <b>Fahrenheit 451</b> '?	Ray Bradbury
13.	Define the term ' <b>analytical</b> '.	The process of <b>breaking something down into its parts to better understand, interpret, or evaluate it.</b>
14.	Who is the main character in <b>Fahrenheit 451</b> ?	Montag
15.	Which language device has been used in the quotation ' <b>his hands were the hands of some amazing conductor playing all the symphonies of blazing and burning</b> '?	Metaphor
16.	Define the term 'patriarchy'?	A society ruled/dominated by men. A society where traditional roles are enforced.
17.	What can you infer about the treatment of the handmaids from the quotation: ' <b>they had electric cattle prods...</b> '	Cattle prods are instruments used to <b>control and shock animals</b> into submission. The fact that they are used on women implies that the authorities <b>view women as less than human</b> —more like <b>livestock</b> to be managed than individuals with rights
18.	What does the term ' <b>hierarchy</b> ' mean?	<b>Hierarchy</b> is a system in which <b>people or things are ranked</b> one above the other based on <b>status, authority, or importance</b>
19.	Think about the novel 'The Bees' What can you infer about the bees from this quotation ' <b>Row upon row of cells</b> '?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The word "<b>cells</b>" strongly suggests <b>imprisonment, confinement, and a lack of freedom.</b></li> <li>• It implies the setting is <b>cold, harsh, and controlled</b>, much like a <b>jail or detention centre.</b></li> </ul>
20.	What is the difference between a <b>democracy</b> and <b>dictatorship</b> ?	<p>The difference between a <b>democracy</b> and a <b>dictatorship</b> lies in how power is gained and used, and how much freedom people have.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In a <b>democracy</b>, power comes <b>from the people.</b></li> <li>• In a <b>dictatorship</b>, power comes <b>from control</b> — not choice.</li> </ul>