

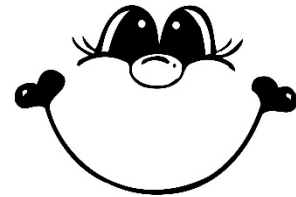
Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Utopia**

# Utopia

A **utopia** is a story about a perfect society where everyone is supposedly safe and happy. Utopian fiction explores society's problems and points out the difficulties inherent in trying to solve them; as such, in literature, utopias often turn out to be dystopias as the dark side or true problems of the society are revealed.

Choose one of the utopian stories below that you would like to read.

- *The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas* by Ursula LeGuin
- *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *News from Nowhere* by William Morris
- *A Modern Utopia* by H.G. Wells



Write a short paper explaining

1. What kind of utopia it is.
2. If/how the book displays the elements of utopia:
  - An elaborate description of the geographic landscape, often given by guides native to the region.
  - The protagonist is an outsider to the utopian society.
  - The protagonist is skeptical of the society's problems.
3. Whether or not the utopia is revealed to be a dystopia, and how/why.