English 105
Science Fiction

First Paper

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Length 3-5 pages

For your first paper assignment you must choose one of the stories or films we have “read” up to this point and develop an interpretation of it according to the principles we have been discussing in class. To review: this means to develop an arguable, insightful thesis about the story, to use that thesis as the foundation of your essay, and to support that thesis with evidence drawn from the story or film.

You may write about anything you wish as long as you are saying something about the story that is not obvious. You may, but do not have to, consider what your story “tells” us about one of the following themes:

Technology

Capitalism

What makes us human (this is broad, but think of the questions raised by Swanwick’s story)

Societal roles of men and women

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