

Science Fiction Hall of Fame Reflection

Instructions and Rubric (35 POINTS):

- Choose 1 story from the Science Fiction Hall of Fame (SFHOF), and write a reflection.
- MLA Format, 250-300 words (up to 10 point deduction if under word count; up to 5 point deduction for formatting errors)
- Grammar and Mechanics (5 points) NOTE: DO NOT USE CONTRACTIONS OR EXCESSIVE PRONOUNS
- Title of paper: SFHOF Reflection: *Name of the story you chose*
- Paragraph 1 (15 points): Answer ONE question from #1 (Choose 1a, 1b, or 1c)
- Paragraph 2 (15 points): Answer ONE question from #2 (Choose 2a, 2b, or 2c)

NOTE: Please note which question you are answering.

1. Science fiction often explores alternative belief systems (religious, philosophical, political, etc.) or the impact on current ideologies of various futuristic changes or alien ideologies. Discuss this point with reference to the story you chose.
 - a. How are our opinions and beliefs linked to social and/or technological systems?
 - b. What happens when alien or opposed ideologies come into confrontation or conflict?
 - c. How does the story reflect “conservative” tendencies (salvaging or recuperating norms of belief); OR how do they suggest “radical” or “revolutionary” possibilities (the subversion of norms)?
2. Science fiction imagines situations that are estranged from our world and that are also reflections of the world in which they were written.
 - a. What concerns of the time and place in which it was written are reflected in the story you chose?
 - b. What present concerns do you see reflected in the story?
 - c. What significant differences from the real world does the work portray and what is their metaphorical or thematic importance?

