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Course: UNIV 100 – Section H14 **Theme:** Culture & Literature

Course Topic: *Dystopian Media & World Change*

Description: This section of First-Year Seminar focuses on the pessimism of dystopian short stories, art, music, and games in order to develop a sense of reckless optimism in the classroom. We will contrast these critical (if not damning) texts to nonfictional research that showcases examples of technological advancements, social and environmental change, and the globalization of innovation and the communication. We will delve into the human experience of the digital age and find pride in our peers and positivity in our passions. Through the lens of fictional worlds designed to create fear and distrust of our leaders and our environment, we will instead find hope and motivation to change the circumstances rather than fear them.