**Midterm Project**

For your midterm project, you will draw on the themes and tropes we’ve discussed so far in class in order to write your own original Science Fiction story about artificial intelligence.

A **trope** is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Examples from course material: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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A **theme** is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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You may write the story in one of three formats:

1. short story (thick description, narration, and dialogue)
2. play (character list, setting description, stage direction, and dialogue)
3. comic/graphic story (include at least 2 description panels and effective character dialogue).

While you are not required to submit drafts of the Midterm Project, you are strongly encouraged to use the drafting skills we’ve studied in First Year Writing I to produce and revise several drafts prior to the final draft due date. You are also strongly encouraged to take a draft to the Writing Center and/or your professor’s office hours.

**Assignment Requirements:**

* Tell a complete, compelling, **original** science fiction story (written solely by you, specifically for this class)
* Feature at least 1 central character who is artificially intelligent
* Use the tropes and themes of sci-fi artificial intelligence that we’ve discussed so far in class
* Show, don’t tell!
* Write in 1 of the 3 formats listed above
* 5 pages minimum (more is okay, less is not)
* Typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font
* Appropriate header on first page (name, class, professor, assignment, date)
* Appropriate spelling, syntax, and grammar (Use the creative writing techniques learned in class. Also, PROOFREAD!)

**Due Dates:**

Friday, March 23 (upload to Blackboard and bring 1 hard copy to class)