

# Start of Dystopia

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## 1. Dystopian world in “I am legend”?

- lone survivor of zombie apocalypse
- humanity has been eradicated by a pandemic turning them into zombie-like creatures (human extinction)
- desolate cityscape, atmosphere of destruction (streets, bridges ...)

### 1.1. How does Dystopian fiction represent fears and concerns of the real world?

Example: “The Circle”

In the Dystopia of “the Cur”

### 1.2. Characteristics of Dystopia fiction

- oppressive governments or oppression from any source
- differentiation of people in classes (or “casten”<sup>1</sup>)
- futuristic technology being used as a means of oppression
- control over information by a third-party (governments/corporations)
  - being forced into a specific mindset without having the means to break out (like in 1984)
- indirect criticism of technology or cultural norms
  - and of the idea of a “perfect society”
- systematic extermination of sub-groups/-cultures (like in the “3. Reich”)

<sup>1</sup>like in *Brave New World*