Dystopia: society in a repressive/controlled state under the guise of utopia. Police State has unlimited power over the citizens; often set in future with technology implications, generally sci-fi. Has to have a back-story (war, revolution, uprising, overpopulation, disaster). Needs conflict and a hero(s).

Examples:

Blade Runner

F451

Children of Men

Daybreakers

District 9

Equilibrium

V for Vendetta

Gattaca

Idiocracy

The Island

The Matrix

Ultraviolet

Alien

Fifth Element

I, Robot

Resident Evil

Total Recall

12 Monkeys

28 Days Later

Blindness

I Am Legend

Waterworld

Anarchy

-absence of gov’t & Police.

-most famous real example: French Revolution

-Anarchists argue that inherent human nature would allow people to come together in agreement to form society

-in theory, lawlessness does not lead to more crime

Nihilism

Life has no meaning