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## Supplemental Reading List for English 209: Science Fiction Options

- Brunner, John. THE SHEEP LOOK UP (1974) *Terrifying ecological holocaust novel about how careless unawareness of inter-relationship of chemical pollutants etc. leads to break down of society.*
- Burgess, Anthony. A CLOCKWORK ORANGE. (1963). *Near future account of how a young juvenile delinquent is conditioned and reconditioned by a prison system and a violent society. Good to compare with SH5, Beats, Cuckoo's Nest*
- Card, Orson Scott. ENDER'S GAME (1985), SPEAKER FOR THE DEAD (1986), XENOCIDE -- *Humans destroy insectoid form of alien life but Ender helps in restitution. Deals with theme of war and the Other. Good to compare to Sticks and Bones.*
- Dick, Philip K. BLADE RUNNER/ DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP?. *Science fiction novel about detective in search of outlawed androids, learning the significance of empathy. Good to compare with SH5, Cuckoo's Nest*
- . MARTIAN TIME-SLIP (1964) *SF novel about a young boy who is schizophrenic; turns out that he actually is a pre-cog-- can see into the future. When he looks into the future, what he sees is death: the tomb world. Good to compare with SH5, Cuckoo's Nest*
- Heinlein, Robert. STARSHIP TROOPERS (1959) *Classic sf juvenile about young boy coming of age in the army. Good to compare with SH5, war poems, Sticks & Bones*
- Le Guin, Ursula. THE WORD FOR WORLD IS FOREST (1972) *Award-winning Novella (It's Short) about Colonial Marines taking over a forested planet and teaching the natives the meaning of the concept "murder" while natives teach them how to "dream true." Good to compare with SH5, war poems, Sticks & Bones*
- Piercy, Marge. WOMAN ON THE EDGE OF TIME. *A sort of female version of Cuckoo's Nest; novel about Chicana who is unjustly put in a mental institution and starts getting visits from a mysterious stranger living on a utopian future society. Compares to Brave New World. Good to compare with SH5, Cuckoo's Nest*
- Robinson, Kim Stanley. ANTARTICA (1998). *Brand new novel about power struggles taking place in near-future Antarctica.*
- Vonnegut, Kurt. SIRENS OF TITAN. *Burlesque of star wars type space opera complete with Martian invasion.*
- . CAT'S CRADLE. *Story of destruction of world through new scientific invention; also involves creation of a new religion.*