**Discussion Questions:**

1. What catastrophe or apocalypse has caused changes to life, culture and community in this dystopia?
2. What details about the setting and the characters prove that this is a fantasy set in the future?
3. What are some advances in science, medicine or technology that are part of the setting? What are the benefits and the disadvantages of these technological advances?
4. Why are some people dissatisfied in this dystopia? Do they seek ways to change or alter the system or the government? If so, how do they take action to affect or change the system?
5. What is the mission of the protagonist? How successful is he or she?
6. What character do you learn the most about? What are at least two of his/her traits and what evidence proves these traits? What do you admire or dislike about this character? What are some events that have a lasting effect on this character? In what ways did this character change by the end of the story?
7. Does anyone die – either before the story begins or during the plot? If so, how does the death affect the main character or the plot?
8. What allusions are used by the author such as quotations from famous books, poems or people or references to other stories, myths or legends? What other books or stories does this novel remind you? Explain any connections.
9. Cite some effectively written passages from each section of the novel. Look for the author’s use of description, of figurative language or of language that creates mood?

10. What do you think the author’s message is from writing this book? What is

the author trying to tell you or to warn you about?

**\*\*Use the answers to construct your Glog poster at the end of the unit. \*\***

**\*\*In your group Glog, be sure to include the following categories - and as always...TEXT SUPPORT!\*\***

* **Brief Summary** (like a book jacket)
* **Main Character/s** description (not just physical, but more importantly traits and actions): include how your character developed throughout the story, and who he/she interacted with. What were some actions and reactions, motivations, realizations, etc.?
* **Main Conflict** within the storyline: what did your character face and overcome?
* **Setting** of the novel and its significance: All dystopias have a carefully chosen and constructed setting; show it to us! Why do you think the author chose this setting and do you believe it was impactful to the storyline?
* **Theme:** what message did the author want to convey to the reader? Review the common themes in dystopian literature handout; what issue was being explored in your novel? How is it related to issue/s in today’s society? (Technology, freedom, loss of individualism, etc.).
* **Author:** name the author and give a brief description of him/her and a background overview of them as an author. You can also include other books written by the author, or any other pertinent information or fast facts that your audience might enjoy hearing about.
* **Propaganda:** what propaganda techniques were featured in your novel? Give some examples!