

## Elements of Science Fiction

Directions: As you view the science fiction PowerPoint complete the chart on the left hand side. Then, while reading the short story *Key Item* by Isaac Asimov, complete the right hand side of the chart. First, circle "yes" or "no" if it is found in the story. Second, if it does include the element write down an example from the text.

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<b>PowerPoint</b>	<b><i>Key Item by Isaac Asimov</i></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Realistic and _____ details</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grounded in science</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Usually set in the _____</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unknown inventions</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Makes a serious comment about the world</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Often contains a _____ for _____</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:

<b>Science Fiction Settings</b>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Another planet</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Under the oceans</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Another dimension of _____</li> </ul>	Yes	No	Example:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be a utopia or dystopia*                      Utopia: an imaginary or indefinitely remote place of ideal perfection                      Dystopia: an imaginary place where people lead dehumanized and often fearful lives</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be in the future</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May _____ _____ to the past (or future)</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May take place in present, but alternate reality</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:

## Science Fiction Characters

PowerPoint	<i>Key Item by Isaac Asimov</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protagonist (_____)</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antagonist (_____)</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These characters may be a being (human or other) or may be a force</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____ or _____ may be a society's laws, a disease or other problem, technology, etc.</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____, _____, _____, etc.</li> </ul>	Yes No Example:

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<b>Science is Important to the Story</b>	
<b>PowerPoint</b>	<b>Key Item by Isaac Asimov</b>
▪ Advanced _____ or _____	Yes No Example:
▪ Genetics	Yes No Example:
▪ _____	Yes No Example:
▪ Exploration	Yes No Example:
▪ Special powers or _____ as a result of science	Yes No Example:
▪ Science can be the _____ or the _____ of the problem	Yes No Example:

<b>Message or Warning for Humans</b>	
<b>PowerPoint</b>	<b>Key Item by Isaac Asimov</b>
▪ Science fiction stories often contains a _____ or _____	Yes No Example:

Considering the story was written in 1966, which details/facts seem outdated? Which ideas/details are still intriguing?

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Horizontal lines for writing.