

# Literary Genre

---

**Literary Genre means the type of text – for example, a comedy, a cowboy story or a romance. *Children of Men* comes under three genres:**

## **1 Science Fiction**

Explores how technology or scientific change could impact people and society.

It is usually set in the future.

A Science Fiction story usually takes a “What if?” question as its starting point. (What if humans could live on other planets? What if computers were more intelligent than humans?)

## **2 Action Thriller**

An Action movie is one in which conflicts are solved by means of violence. Fights and chases will be at the heart of the story.

A Thriller is supposed to keep the audience excited and in suspense, wondering what will happen next. (A murder mystery, a legal drama, etc.)

## **3 Dystopian**

Fiction which explores a dark and disturbing fictional society.

Its focus is on how the society works and how people live under it.

The word “Dystopia” is the opposite of “Utopia”, which means a fictional perfect society.

Like Science Fiction, it often involves a ‘What If?’ (What if the state controlled everything? What if people were forced to kill each other on reality TV?)

Choose one of the three genres.

1. In what way is *Children of Men* an example of this genre? Write 3-5 lines.
2. Can you name 3 other films or stories in this genre?
3. How is *Children of Men* different from those other stories?
4. How is *Children of Men* similar to them?

