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# A WORD TO THE TEACHER

## SCIENCE FICTION

Science Fiction, roughly defined, is a story . . . a fantasy . . . played in a surreal background; a fantasy that presumably could take place or be possible through given changes in science and technology.

Fascinating young and older creative minds since the days of Buck Rogers, science fiction is now a highly respected addition to the world of literature. Authors such as Asimov, Bova, Heinlein, Bradbury and L'Engle continue to tantalise their readers with possibilities of time warps, cloning, robots and androids, special mental abilities and life on other planets. A number of the better-known authors are well-versed in the subject of real science and their vocabulary and scientific background lend a sense of realism to their stories. Not to be left out, the movie industry, with extravagant special effects, has captured the imagination of young and old alike until science fiction has become just another part of the mainstream of Western culture.

# INTEREST DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

## SCIENCE FICTION

The purpose of the Interest Development Centre is to stimulate interest in the topic area. The student needs time for browsing and investigation for maximum benefit.

(Beginning ideas . . . you and your students will think of more . . . let parents and other teachers know about the Centre and it will grow without effort.)

### BOOKS (suggested subjects)

Robots  
Space  
Cloning  
Science fiction  
Black holes  
Space exploration  
Computers

### POSTERS

Space art  
Space exploration  
Astronomical charts  
Advertising for science fiction movies

### MAGAZINES

Omni  
Galaxy

### RECORDS AND TAPES

Sound tracks of science fiction movies  
Copy of "Star Wars"

Toys and games with a science fiction theme

### ART SUPPLIES

NEWS CLIPPINGS, MAGAZINE ARTICLES, ANNOUNCEMENT OF TV SPECIALS on related subjects.

# 1. SETTING THE STAGE

Have you wondered what Science Fiction is?

Close your eyes for a minute and think about the words... Science Fiction. What picture does your mind see? How would you describe the picture?... Exciting?... Frightening?... Startling? Fascinating? LIST WHAT YOU SAW.

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THE COLOURS

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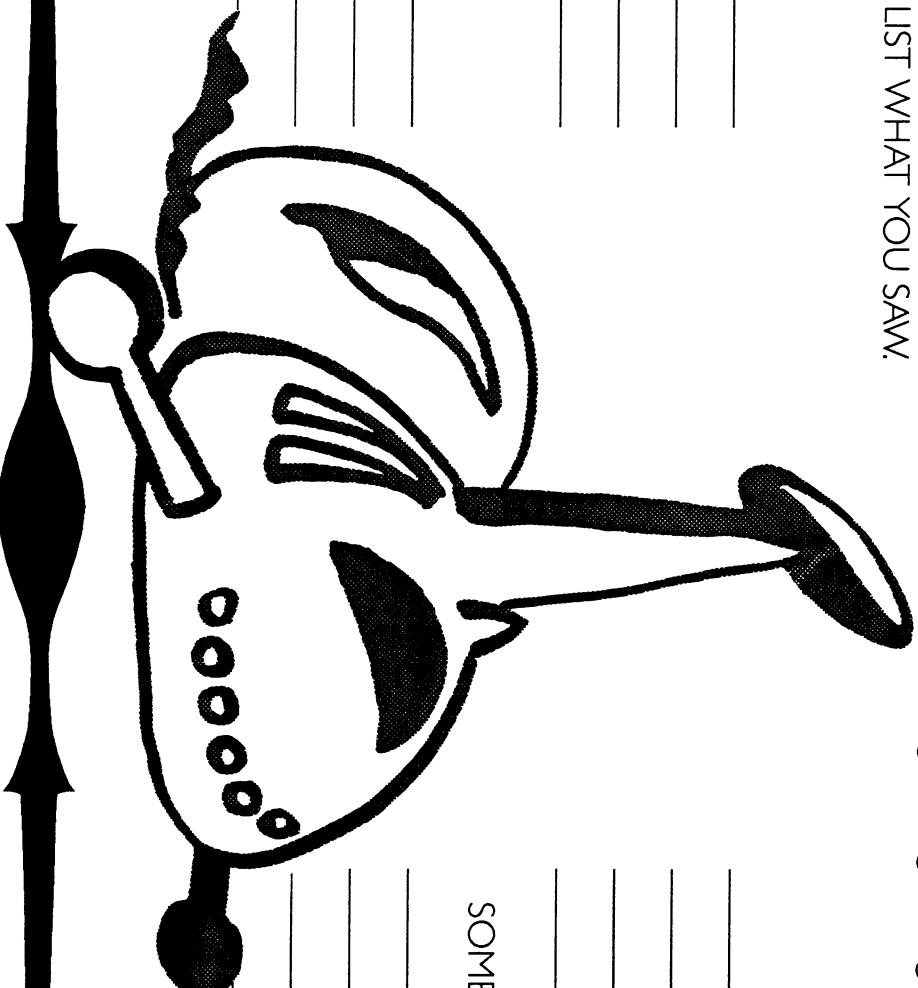
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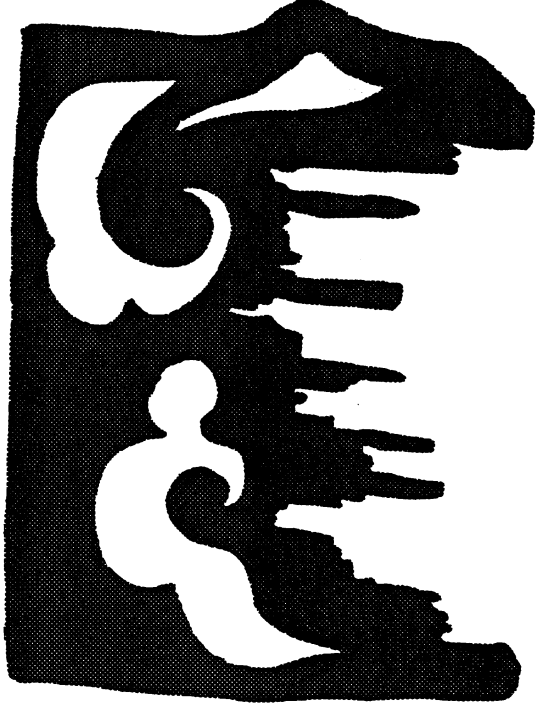
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## 2. RESEARCH, REPORT



Go to the library and talk to the librarian about Science Fiction.

### FIND OUT

- ❖ How the librarian describes Science Fiction.
- ❖ Where the Science Fiction books are shelved.

### THEN

Choose 10 Science Fiction books.  
Spend some time enjoying them.

**DESCRIBE** what interests you most about these books:

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