6th Gr L.A. – Out of This World (A Wrinkle in Time) Literary Café

Science Fiction Genre

Madeleine L'Engle is the author of many science fiction/fantasy youth novels. At this café station you will learn about the characteristics and nature of the science fiction genre.

Work in pairs and follow these directions to go to the Out of This World (A Wrinkle in Time) Literary Café resource web page to read and view videos to learn about the science fiction genre and extend your learning by completing the described activity.

Directions:

1. On the iPad mini, open up Safari. Click the open book icon (Bookmarks).
2. Click the bookmark labeled Science Fiction.
3. Read the What is Science Fiction? box.
4. View the first 4 minutes of the PBS Science Fiction video and then STOP the video.
5. ACTIVITY: Think about what your life might be like 30 years from now - identify a scientific or technical capability we don't have now, but that COULD be possible in 30 years, given our current knowledge of science and technology. How might you include that capability in a science fiction story? Be creative, but remember that your idea must be grounded in science. Consider cloning, robotics, travel methods, mobile devices, how we get our information, or any other scientific area. Use the nonfiction science books at your table and the web links in the Science and Technology Topics box to help you generate ideas based on current science and technology.

Your future scientific/technical capability_______________________________________________
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Describe its possible use in a science fiction story:

6. (If you have extra time!) Browse the summary (inside front cover or back of book) of ONE of the science fiction books on your table. Identify a characteristic of the story that makes it science fiction and share with your partner.__________________________________________________