

First, please read the story, "Citizens of the Sea."

Next, answer the following questions:

1. Describe the setting of the story. Does this fit within Science Fiction?
2. This story is lacking any specific characters. Discuss with a family member or friend different possibilities for main characters.
3. Describe the plot of the story. Do you feel this plot fits within Science Fiction? Why/why not?
4. Explain to a family member or friend why this story is, is not, a good example of Science Fiction.

Finally, continue working with a family member or friend and tell the rest of the story. What problem or conflict could the people encounter in their new aquatic city? What is the solution? Use your imagination!

Science Fiction is a style of writing depicting made up stories where humans and the earth are impacted by science and technology. These stories force the reader to continually ask, “What if?”

Science Fiction Settings

- Can be set in our current world, a future time on earth, **or** an unknown world now or in the future.
- These settings are created on well-known scientific facts and principles, but the author’s imagination expands those concepts.

Science Fiction Characters

- Represent a wide-range of individuals. Characters could be human, animals, robots, computerized versions of humans—the sky is the limit!
- Imagination is the key. But language, dress, and mannerisms must fit with the present or future culture.

Science Fiction Plots

- Altered states of being
- Life in the future
- Survivalism
- Desire is to have the reader evaluate his/her individual commitments, ethical behaviors, quality of life, and what it means to be human.
- The reader is able to compare this “other” world and events with their own life and modern world events.