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Sci Fi and Fantasy

The Terminator

/24 + /6_{quality} = /30

<http://www.fanpop.com/spots/terminator/images/24509187/title/terminator-wallpaper>

Sci Fi category(ies) _____

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Sci Fi themes (motifs and subjects) _____

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Introduction

Before its many sequels and imitators, The Terminator (1984) set the standard for the dystopic, rise-of-the –machines future. Moviegoers and sci fi fans alike were absorbed by state of the art special effects for the time), a compelling storyline, and a stoic Arnold Schwarzenegger as the titular villain. The film showcased the talents of director James Cameron before he set the Titanic to sail, and created Pandora (Avatar). Additionally, this film stays with us in popular culture and our love of famous lines.

Description from IMDB:

A cyborg is sent back in time by the sinister computer network Skynet to murder a woman who will one day give birth to the leader of the militia destined to end the coming robo-apocalypse.

Main Characters: (fill in more information as we watch the film)

Actors:

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Linda Hamilton
Michael Biehn

Characters:

The Terminator
Sarah Connor
Kyle

Notes about characters here:

Write something about John Connor

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1. The 1980s was the first decade that leaned toward cyberpunk. While not dominated by this category, there are elements in the film. Write in the parts that relate to cyberpunk here:

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Literary Focus

Dystopia – The setting in the main narrative isn't dystopic, but -- as the story shows – it has potential to be one.

2. What are some elements of our world that leads you to believe that we are destined for some horrible fate? /4

3. Outside of this film: What are some elements of our world that leads you to believe that we have hope for the future? /4

Time travel is a major component to The Terminator.

4. Describe how it works and what characters are involved. Can we have this story without it? What problems does it add? /4

What does the film suggest about humanity? Yes, there are machines, but we created them: Who are we? /4
