

What's included?

4 short stories

Short Stories	Dystopian	Name:	Date:
The Memory Gardeners			
In the year 2242, people do not remember the past. The City of Ordered Recollection curates the past. Each morning, citizens receive their Daily History Imprint. This is a carefully selected version of events designed by the Chronos Ministry. Thirteen-year-old Luna finds the daily imprints dull. She isn't supposed to have any emotional response to them. In the City, these Daily History Imprints are meant to be fact, and one shouldn't question or react to fact. However, for Luna, she thinks they are boring. The ancient conflicts always end neatly, and societal advancements are always attributed to the current Supreme Council. The reason Luna found these dull was because she secretly knew about real historical stories. It was forbidden to talk about the past, but Luna's grandmother was rebellious in this way. Luna and her grandmother shared many quiet moments tending to their window garden. Often, Luna's grandmother would pause, and her eyes would become distant as a memory filtered past the Daily History Imprints circulating in her mind. "It wasn't always like this, little seed," Luna's grandmother whispered, looking at her fondly. They were watering the resilient nutrient-reeds which grew tall and long, almost ready for harvesting. Luna's grandmother reached into her pocket and pulled a small, tarnished locket. Such an item was contraband and Luna's eyes widened as she saw it. She nervously touched it and felt a jolt of excitement. "Open it up," her grandmother said softly. Luna unclasped the locket and a tiny, intricately folded piece of parchment was inside.			

• Story titles (300-400 words each)

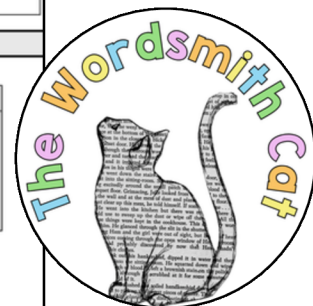
- The Chroma Code
- The Whispering Walls
- The Echo of Laughter
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Comprehension questions

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Extension prompts

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Who is the main character?			
Describe the setting.			
What is the main problem?			
What is the resolution?			
Write a paragraph summarizing the story.			
Extension Activities			
Creative Writing	Design Challenge	Report	Create a Code
Write a short story or a poem about what the 'endless journey' symbols might have meant to people before the Great Silence.	Design and describe an artifact from the pre-Silence era that someone might hide. Explain its significance.	Write a short report from the perspective of a Thought Monitor about Anya's behaviour during the Daily Focus session.	Imagine Anya wants to communicate with others secretly. Invent a code and write coded message to and from Anya and her friends.



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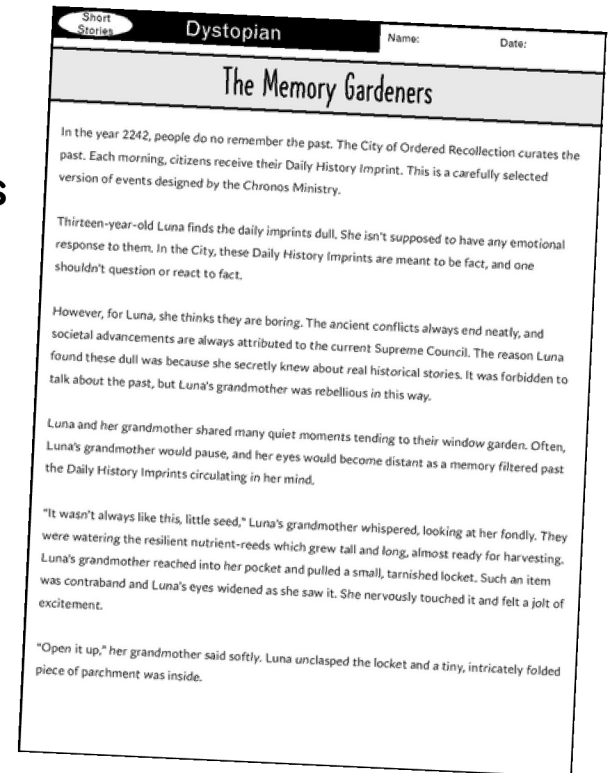
Comprehension questions & activities



Four ready to print stories

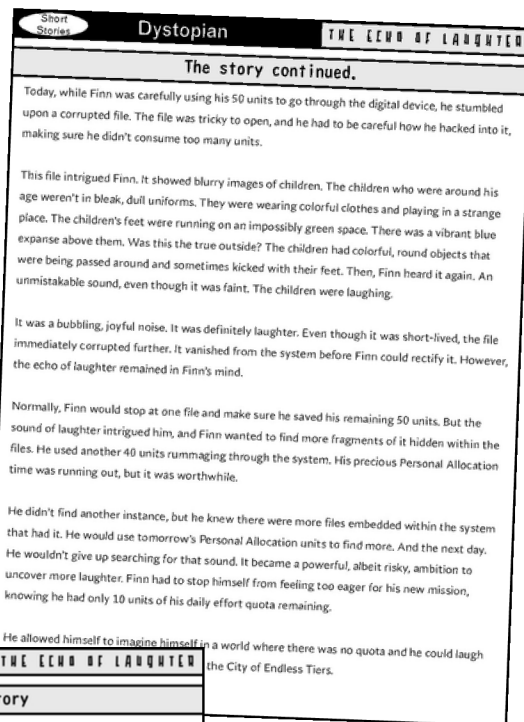


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- ✓ Supplement explicit reading strategies
- ✓ Intervention task
- ✓ Homework activity
- ✓ Small group reading



Short Stories Dystopian THE ECHO OF LAUGHTER			
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Poetry	Imagery	Daily Schedule	Report Writing
Write a poem about laughter. Think about things that make people laugh and how people feel when they laugh.	Imagine the corrupted file that Finn sees. Draw a visual representation of it and write about it from Finn's perspective.	Write a Daily Schedule for Finn, showing how he allocates his 1000 Daily Effort Quota units. Include his secret search.	Imagine you are the creator of the Effort Quota system. Write an explanation report justifying why it is necessary for society.



Teach reading!

Engage students in reading comprehension.

Help students find evidence in the text on each page.

Make reading comprehension feel achievable.

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The story continued.		
"This was from a time when truth was wild, like an unkempt garden," Luna's grandmother turned her attention back to the plants, murmuring so that Luna had to lean closer to hear her. If anyone looked at the pair, it would seem as though they were just tending to the garden, not discussing the most forbidden topic. Luna opened the parchment under a plant, so the leaf covered it. It was a faded newspaper clipping. The small print detailed an event entirely absent from any Daily History Imprint. Luna's eyes scanned the words quickly, consuming this secret knowledge. Words like "citizens rebel" and "uprising in the square" and "demands of the people" stood out to her. Luna's jaw dropped as her eyes resting on an image. It was a black and white photograph of people marching in the street. They were holding signs and banners. Their faces looked angry and defiant, but above all they wore expressions of freedom and determination. This was about a rebellion. It was a genuine, chaotic struggle for freedom. "I'm not the only one who was there that day," Luna's grandmother explained, pruning a plant so the flower bud could have more air and light. "There are others who tell this story to their grandchildren. Hold onto this knowledge and find others who know the truth. We need you to be brave. We need you to change the future."		

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