

Create Your Own Society

While reading the short story “The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas,” you were challenged by the narrator to envision your own ‘perfect’ society. In this activity, you will be creating a personal adaptation of a ‘perfect’ society. You will have the option to create a utopia or a dystopia. You will be using a piece of construction paper with one side being the illustration and the other side listing the laws, jobs, etc. The more detail you put into your society, the more believable it will become.

Terms to know:

Utopia- idealized perfect society with positive connotation

Dystopia- idealized perfect society with negative connotation

Verisimilitude- the appearance of being true or real; an attempt to portray reality

Requirements For Your Society:

1. Your society must work to achieve verisimilitude.
2. You must create a name for your society.
3. You must create a colorful visual/illustration of your society.
4. You must create laws (in detail) for your society, and their consequences.
5. You must create jobs for your society.
6. You must create an economy for your society: what is imported and exported.
7. You must create/choose a religion for your society: what kind? Freedom to worship?
8. If you are not doing a Utopia/Dystopia, you must list the flaws of your society.

Reflection On Your Society:

*Now that you have created your own ‘perfect’ society, please write an **extended paragraph** explaining why you designed your society the way you did.*

Hint: For each societal requirement (name, laws, job, religion, etc.), discuss your reasoning for creating each area as you did.