

# Imagining the Future

Many inventions we use every day were imagined and written about by science fiction writers long before they were considered “possible” or made “real” in the world. Follow these steps to explore today’s science fiction as tomorrow’s reality. This is an exercise in imagination, so be creative! Don’t worry if it seems unlikely. So did space flight and cloning!

1. From a science fiction book you’ve read, choose an item or a process that doesn’t exist or happen in today’s world. Write it here, along with the name and author of the book it came from:
2. Launch your imagination into the future. In what year do you imagine this item or process will actually be invented? By whom? (Perhaps you will be the inventor!)
3. Describe the process or invention as it exists in your imagined future. What does it look like? How does it work? If it’s an item, sketch it on a separate sheet of paper.
4. What is it used for? How does it affect daily life? Is it something everyone can own or do? Explain.
5. Use your imagination to think about how and why it was invented. Why did the inventor want to accomplish this goal? Make a few notes on the back of this sheet for the story you’d write for a science magazine about the invention of this new product or process, answering “who, what, where, when, and why” it was invented.

# Science Fiction Story Map

**Author:**

**Title:**

**Plot Summary:**

**Setting (Time and Place):**

**Tone:**

(Funny, suspenseful, gloomy,  
action-packed, etc.):

Sub-Genres of Science Fiction (Circle all that apply):

- space exploration
- military sci fi
- time travel
- futuristic doomsday
- superheroes
- mad scientist
- parallel/alternate worlds
- people and technology
- artificial intelligence
- horror sci fi

**Main Characters:**

(Names and 3-word  
descriptions)

**Something I learned  
from reading the book:**

