

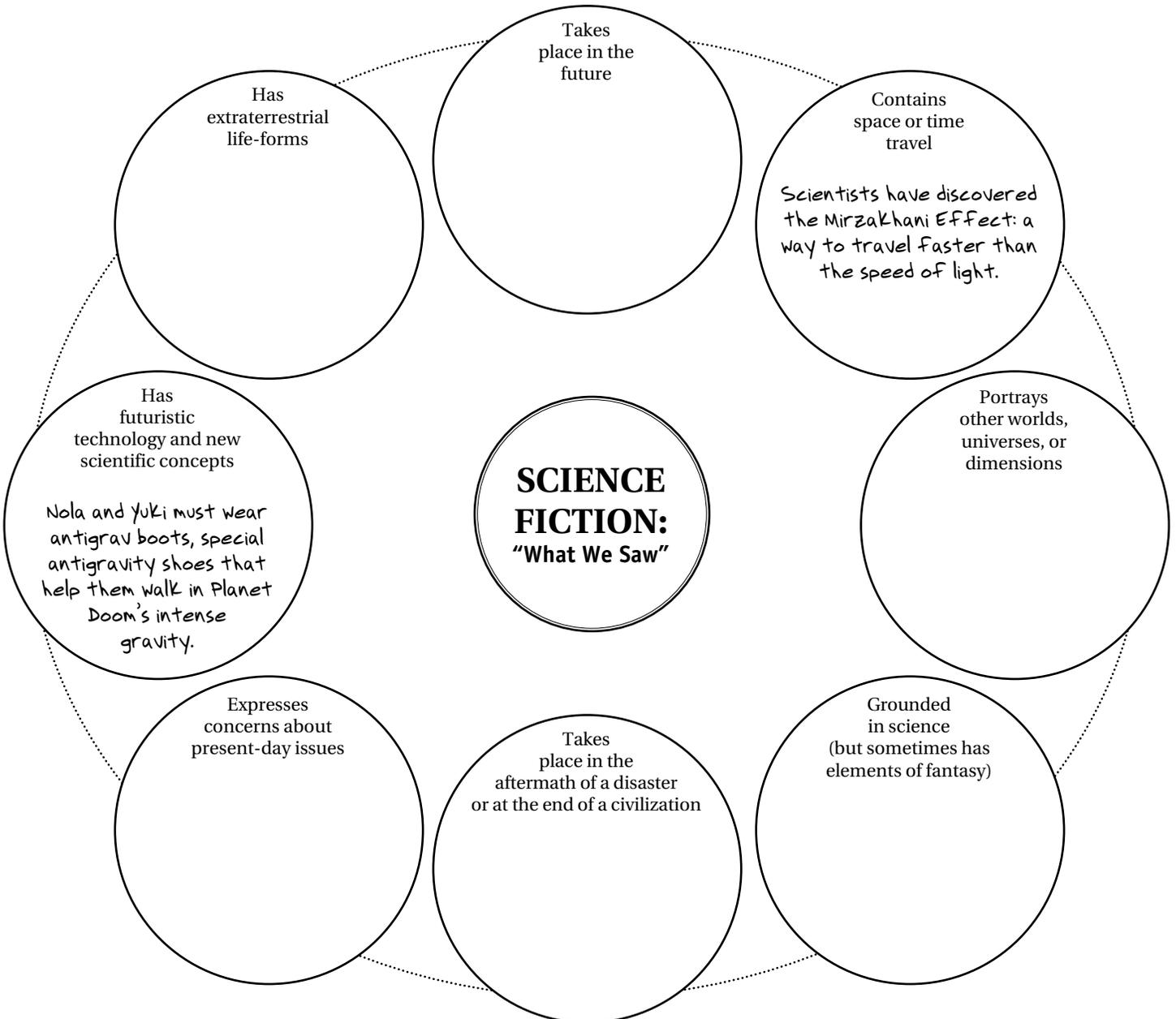
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A **genre** is a category of literature or art. Mystery, myth, historical fiction, and biography are all genres of literature.

Genre Exploration: "What We Saw"

"What We Saw" belongs to the genre of science fiction (often shortened to sci-fi). In this activity, you will explore what makes it a science fiction story.

Directions: The graphic organizer below gives some common characteristics of sci-fi. "What We Saw" does not have all of these characteristics, but it has many of them. We explained how the story shows two of these characteristics. **Choose FOUR other characteristics and briefly explain how the story shows those characteristics.**



Directions: Answer the questions below.

1. What other stories, plays, or movies have you read or seen that belong to the genre of science fiction?

2. Science fiction stories often inspire readers to imagine what the future could look like and think about how the human species might change over time.

A. What challenges do the humans in "What We Saw" face? How are they attempting to overcome these challenges?

B. Are there aspects of the future Sarah McCarry portrays in "What We Saw" that you think are possible or probable? Explain.
