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## Utopia and the Law and Literature Movement

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Illustration for the 1516 first edition of *Utopia*

### Utopia and the Law and Literature Movement

- Introduction to the law and literature movement
- Three interrelated themes
  - the meaning and implications of the concepts of utopia and dystopia
  - the status of More's novel as a precursor to post-modernist literature
  - the linguistic transformation of the concept of utopia
- Conclusions

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- Introduction to the law and literature movement



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*Libellus vere aureus,  
nec minus salutaris quam festivus,  
de optimo rei publicae statu deque  
nova insula Utopia*

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***A truly golden booklet,  
no less beneficial than entertaining,  
of a republic's best state and of the  
new island Utopia***

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• More's UTOPIA

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**Rubrics for Linguistic Data Analysis**

In identifying and analyzing usage of the terms *utopia*, *utopian*, *dystopia*, and *dystopian*, the following rules were observed.

1. Only daily or other periodic new media available through Westlaw™ were searched.
2. Only references in English, in English-language news media, were included.
3. Any usage of a subject term as a proper noun was excluded.

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Search	Selected Content	Search Terms	Frequency
<i>all utopia</i>	Journals Magazines & Newsletters, Major Newspapers	utopia or utopian	Daily
<i>NYT utopia</i>	International New York Times (as of April 2015)	utopia or dystopia &	Daily
<i>utopia</i>	Major Newspapers, International New York Times	utopia! or dystopia!	Daily

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TABLE 1 - Sources

Source	utopia-	dystopia-
14U News	1	1
Alaska Dispatch	1	
ArabianBusiness.com	2	
ArabianMoney.net	1	
Architects' Journal	2	
Architectural Review	3	
Anitz Sheva (Israel)	1	
Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The	3	2
Austin American-Statesman	2	
Australian Magazine, The	1	
Bizcommunity.com	1	
Blade, The	1	
Boston Globe	34	8
Brunch (India)	1	
BRW (Business Review Weekly)	2	
Buffalo News	6	1
Business Day (South Africa)	4	
Chicago Tribune	23	3
Daily News (Los Angeles, CA)	6	1
Daily News & Analysis	18	
Daily News Sri Lanka	4	
Dayton Daily News	4	

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New York Times, The*	45	5
Newsday (USA)	9	5
Next Web, The	1	
Nursing Times (UK)	1	
Oil & Gas News	1	
Oregon Historical Quarterly	1	
Pakistan and Gulf Economist	1	
Palestine Chronicle	1	
PA Pundits	3	
People (UK)	3	
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	6	4
Planning (UK)	2	
Real Estate Monitor Worldwide	1	
RetailCustomerExperience.com	2	
Refinement Planner	1	
Ridenbaugh Press	1	
Seattle Times, The	6	
Sky News (UK)	1	
Sluggo O'Toole		1
Sudan Tribune	2	
Sunday Telegraph Magazine (Australia)	2	
Tampa Tribune	8	1
Tech City News	1	
Tehelka	1	
Telecom Asia	2	
TheDailyBeast.com	1	
USA Today (USA)	5	



