Vocab 6 – Science Fiction Vocabulary

1. nebula - (noun) an interstellar cloud of dust, hydrogen, gas and plasma

2. nova - (noun) a star that suddenly increases dramatically in brightness and then fades to its original luminosity over a short period of months or years (super nova = a stellar explosion that creates an extremely luminous object)

3. gravity (noun) - the force that attracts things toward the center of the earth or toward any other physical body having mass.
   OR extreme or alarming importance; seriousness:

4. relativity - (noun) refers to Einstein's theory on the gravitational pull on objects

5. satellite - (noun) device that orbits a planet

6. speed of light (noun) - 186,000 miles per second, a speed impossible to exceed according to Einstein's theories of relativity

7. teleport (verb) - transport or be transported across space and distance instantly.

8. terraform (verb) - changing/modifying a planet, moon, or other body so its atmosphere, temperature, or ecology is similar to those of Earth in order to make it livable for humans.

9. time paradox (noun) - an impossible situation created by traveling back through time, for example, when a man travels back and kills his father, so that he himself could never exist
   * paradox (noun) - a statement that seems contradictory but may prove to be true

10. time travel (noun) - moving backward or forward in time

11. time warp (noun) - a hypothetical distortion in the continuum of space-time, allowing time to stand still or people to travel from one time to another

12. time/space continuum (noun) - the theory that space and time are interconnected. Theory that allows for time travel.

13. UFO (unidentified flying object) (noun) - a flying object that cannot be identified and is thought by some to be an alien spacecraft

14. yearning (noun) - a deep longing, especially when accompanied by tenderness or sadness; (verb) to long for

15. theoretical (adjective) - of/based on theory; lacking practical application or actual existence; hypothetical, philosophical

For this week's vocab. assignment, choose from one of the following:
   1) Write the definition for each word & a sentence (with context clues) for each of the week's words THAT RELATES TO SCIENCE FICTION/OUR SF UNIT/READINGS.
   2) Write a paragraph/super-short story incorporating all vocabulary words, including context clues. Also, list/include each word's definition.
   3) Use Frayer format to include a sentence, antonym and/or synonym for each word.
   4) Suggest your own idea for a comparable assignment to meet the vocab objectives.