



Research Topics related to *Backbiters*



Rationale: Most novels refer to many topics that are not thoroughly explored within the novel. To broaden your knowledge and deepen your understanding of the novel, conduct research on a topic related to the novel.

How to choose a topic:

1. Choose a topic that interests you.
2. Choose a topic about which you can find information.
3. Choose a topic that is not being researched by others.
4. Choose a topic with a wide enough scope for your assignment, but not so broad that it can't be covered within the scope of your assignment.
5. Choose your top three topics. After quick initial research, choose the one that suits you the best.

Potential Topics	Backbiters Tie-in
1. The Menominee Nation of Wisconsin	Officer Lindien is from the Menominee Nation. Furthermore, the Red Mighty Nationland is located close to the Menominee Nation.
2. The establishment of a country, reasons, and corresponding struggles, such as Israel, Pakistan, Taiwan, Palestine	The Red Mighties have created a Nationland based on their physical attributes.
3. Open versus closed adoptions	Giluli wishes to find her biomother. The children on the Nationland are all adopted.
4. Availability of fresh water on our Earth and the process of purifying water	Clean water is scarce after the Corporate World War of 2050.
5. Military/Warrior/Government Training or Education Programs	Giluli describes her training for her assignment and to be a Tolv member.
6. North Korea and South Korea conflict; North Korea's relationship with the rest of the world	The catalyst for the Twunfi is a North Korean bomb.
7. How do individuals, corporations, and countries make big profits off of war?	The Corporate World War of 2050 decimated the earth.
8. Uses of drones in the military	The Fickers are trained to fly drones. Giluli and Padrin Devinel fly in a craft that can be a drone.
9. Sustainable Farming, urban greenhouses, canning, seed banks	The Red Mighties work to be self-sufficient. Plant and animal species were lost during Twunfi.
10. Leg-lengthening Operation	Pisa's parents had Pisa undergo this surgery to become taller.
11. Myths/poor treatment of people with differences <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Blind in Nepal b. Albinos in Tanzania 	The Pre-evs believe Red Mighty baby hair has life-extending properties.
12. Ant Zombies	The Red Mighties use fungus that hi-jacks ticks

<i>(Ophiocordyceps unilateralis)</i>	to influence people.
13. Mutations/Evolutions – how has the environment changed physical appearance; e.g. humans that drink milk, animals that live on islands, frogs during times of over and under-population	The Red Mighties look different than other humans.
14. What People will Look Like in the Future; environment, merging phenotypes, diet, and technology are just a few things that affect a change in physical attributes	The Red Mighties claim to be the next evolution of human beings.
15. Explore a significant cause of pollution in our society and how we can reduce it.	Pollution has devastated the planet in Giluli's time.
16. Green Burials	The Red Mighties bury their loved ones near their homes.
17. Compare the use of resources in the U.S. with resource use in other countries.	Mummin Thealene won't allow Giluli to waste the buttons that she used the year before.
18. What is the family make-up in the U.S. today?	All the children on the Nationland are adopted. Giluli lives with a single parent while Harsh has two mothers and Layeela has two fathers and one mother.
19. What languages are spoken in the U.S. today and where? What trends are predicted for the future?	The onlanders speak English with some of their own vocabulary and idioms, while many of them have a second language. The business languages around the world are mainly Chinese and Arabic.
20. What are the laws for governing public, private, religious, and home schools in the United States? Are certain ethnic or religious groups exempt from those rules?	The Nationland has created their own school system.

1. Please fill out the chart below.

Potential topic	Why I chose it	Research notes

2. Which topic have you chosen and why?