Essay Outline 1: Truth

**Question:** What is so important about the Truth in Science Fiction?

**Potential Thesis:** The protagonists in Science Fiction are so obsessed the Truth that they are willing to destroy themselves to deepen their knowledge.

**Potential Texts:** Strange Wine, Electric Ant, The Matrix, The Arrival,

**Each protagonist has an extraordinary secret truth revealed to them.**

1. Strange Wine- Willis Kaw realizes he is an alien
2. Electric Ant - After an accident in his flying car, Garson Poole, is informed that he is not human but is an Electric Ant.
3. The Matrix- Neo or Thomas Anderson discovers that his whole world isa computer simulation made to enslave unwitting humans.

**Each protagonist feels that there are many more truths for him to learn.**

1. Strange Wine- why am I being punished on Earth?
2. Electric Ant - Can I control all of reality and can I experience all things at once?
3. The Matrix - Am I the One?

**Each protagonist chooses certain death in order to reveal truth.**

1. Strange Wine- He commits suicide in his garage
2. Electric Ant - He manipulates the reality tape and destroys himself
3. The Matrix - he chooses to attack the agents to free morpheus (the oracle tells him one will die)