

### Imagining Your Own Eu-topia

Imagine your own utopia. What sort of society do you think would be ideal? This is not an exercise in writing a literary utopia, so we need not worry about a story-line, say, how we get there, or too many of the details of everyday life in this place. Instead, think about the general outlines of your utopia, its general features. Assuming an earthly setting sometime in the future describe the basic features you would want it to have, using the following categories as a guide:

- 1) Economic What is the basis of their economy--agriculture? industry? service? tourism? information? etc. Is the society socialistic, communistic, capitalistic, etc.? Do they have money at all? How is work motivated? What is a typical work week?
- 2) Technological What is the nature of labor in the society? What powers things? How advanced is the society technologically?
- 3) Social Are there social classes? Are there nuclear families? How do people get along with one another? Are they more or less self-interested than in our present society? Do they have more or less communal tendencies than our own society? Are their distinct racial/ethnic groups? What are relations between the sexes like? Is this a gendered society--i.e. do men and women tend toward different occupations and activities?
- 4) Political Does the society have a government? Is it centralized? How democratic is it? Do ordinary individuals or only representatives have a vote on laws and important political decisions?

Other features that may be important in giving us a feel for your society:

- typical education/schooling
- modes of transportation
- diet or food production
- religion