



Prison Reading Groups  
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## Book Talk

### *The Time Machine*

By H. G. Wells

Number of pages: 128



*The Time Machine* follows a time traveller to the year 802,701. Society has divided into two groups: the Eloi, who are small and fragile aristocrats, and the Morlocks, bigger creatures who live underground. The story examines social class divides.

It is considered the first description of a time machine device. The book has been adapted into multiple films.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep* by Phillip K. Dick or *The War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Did you believe the Time Traveller's story?
2. Did you have any sympathy for the Eloi or the Morlocks?
3. What do you think the book was saying about class divisions?
4. What do you think the Time Traveller was looking for at the end?
5. If you could travel backwards in time, when would you visit and why?

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