AFROFUTURISM
A PRIMER

Films:
Sorry to Bother You, Boots Riley, 2018
Black Panther, Ryan Coogler, 2018
Get Out, Jordan Peele, 2017
The Girl with All the Gifts, Colm McCarthy, 2016
Pumzi, Wanuri Kahiu, 2009
The Brother from Another Planet, John Sayles, 1984
Afro Samurai, Fuminori Kizaki, 2007

Music:
Sun Ra - composer, poet, philosopher, book: This Planet Is Doomed; film: Space Is The Place
Ibeyi, musicians, album: “Ibeyi”
Blitz The Ambassador, musician, album: “Soul Rebel,” “Diasporadical”

Videos:
Thriller - Michael Jackson and John Landis, 1983
The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly) - Missy Elliott and Hype Williams, 1997
Give Me Some More - Busta Rhymes and Hype Williams, 1998
California Love - Tupac, Dr. Dre and Hype Williams, 1996
Lemonade - Beyoncé Knowles, Kahil Joseph, Melina Matsoukas and others, 2016
BOOKS

Fiction

Samuel Delany – Aye and Gomorrah (1967), Dhalgren (1975)

Octavia Butler

- **Stand Alone Books**: Kindred (1979), Fledgling (2005);
- **Collections**: Bloodchild (1995), Unexpected Stories (2014)

Tananarive Due – My Soul to Keep (1988)

Tomi Adeyemi – Children of Blood and Bone (Legacy of Orísha #1) (2018)


Jennifer Marie Brissett – Elysium (2014)

Tobias Buckell – Crystal Rain (2006)

Bill Campbell – Mothership: Tales from Afrofuturism and Beyond (2013)


Deji Bryce Olukotun – Nigerians in Space (2014)

Rasheedah Phillips – Recurrence Plot (2014)
Sun Ra – This Planet is Doomed (2011)

Nisi Shawl – Everfair (2016)

Rivers Solomon – An Unkindness of Ghosts (2017)


Colson Whitehead – The Underground Railroad (2016)

**Comic Books**

Black (Kwanza Osajyefo)

Black Panther (Christopher Priest, Reginald Hudlin, Ta-Nehisi Coates)

Destroyer (Victor LaValle)

Milestone Comics (Icon, Static, Hardware, Blood Syndicate)

**Non-Fiction**


Afrofuturism 2.0: The Rise of Astro Blackness (2015) – Alondra Nelson and Reynaldo Anderson


More Brilliant Than the Sun – Kodwo Eshun

The Sound of Culture: Diaspora and Black Technopoetics – Louis Chude-Sokei

Emergent Strategy – adrienne maree brown
Speculative Blackness: The Future of Race in Science Fiction – André M. Carrington


Mark Dery essay “Black to the Future” (1994) – coined the term “Afrofuturism”

**MUSIC**

Sun Ra – “Space is the Place” (1973)

Parliament – “Mothership Connection” (1975)


Drexciya – The Quest (1997)

Erykah Badu – Baduizm (1997)


**FILMS**

The Brother from Another Planet (1984) – John Sayles

District 9 (2009) – Neill Blomkamp

PUMZI – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWMtgD9O6PU

INTERVIEW with Wanuri Kahiu – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIR7I_B86Fc

Wanuri Kahiu Ted Talk on Afrofuturism – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvxOLVaV2YY
Janelle Monae Dirty Computer Emotion Picture –
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdH2Sy-BINE

**VISUAL ART**

Jean-Michel Basquiat – Molasses

Antonio Lopez – fashion illustrations

Tim Fielder – graphic artist, “Black Metropolis” exhibit

Niama Safia Sandy – curated “Black Magic: Afro Pasts/Afrofutures” exhibit

King Britt – curated “Moondance: A Night in the Afrofuture” exhibit (2014)

Joshua Mays – Tells Stories in Murals

Lina Iris Viktor – A Rising Star

Rachel Stewart – jewelry maker

Ingrid Lafleur
African American Speculative Fiction

Martin Delany
Blake, or the Huts of America (1859)

Charles W. Chesnutt
The Conjure Woman (1899)

Frances Harper
Iola Leroy (1892)

Sutton Griggs
Imperium in Imperio (1899)

Pauline Hopkins
Of One Blood (1902)

Edward A. Johnson
Light Ahead for the Negro (1904)

W. E. B. Du Bois
“The Comet” (1920)
“Jesus Christ in Texas” (1920)

Zora Neale Hurston
Their Eyes Were Watching God (1937)
Mules and Men (1935)
Tell My Horse (1938)

George Schuyler
Black No More (1931)

Henry Dumas

Amos Tutuola
The Palm Wine Drinkard (1952)
My Life in the Bush of Ghosts (1954)