Rise of the Machines
Some Robots in Fiction

Asimov’s “robot” stories (dozen of them, including Runaround, Little Lost Robot, Bicentennial Man).

Characters such as mechanical Maria (Metropolis), Gort (The Day the Earth Stood Still), Robby (Forbidden Planet), K9 (Doctor Who), Rosie (Jetsons), Marvin (HHG), Hymie (Get Smart), KITT and KARR (Knight Rider), Nomad, Data and Lore (Star Trek), Voltron lions, The Terminator, The Iron Giant, Sentinels (The Matrix), Bender (Futurama).
Some Robotics in our World

Industrial (Unimate, 1961)
Pets (AIBO, 1999)
Humanoid (ASIMO, 2000; Qrio, 2004)
Prosthetics (SmartHand, 2009)
This week’s assignment.

First, make sure you have read the posted readings on the topic of robots (Little Lost Robot, The Machine Stops, Cyborg Manifesto) and attend(ed) part of Friday’s Robotics Day on campus. You can start to think of ideas before Friday’s outing, but we’d like you to try to incorporate what you learn there into this assignment as well.

The assignment will be in the spirit of a “mash-up” on robotics. Take what you read and what you saw on robotics day and make something based on your own interpretations, interests, skill sets, etc. This might take the form of a story or a video game storyboard, or a board game, or a robot (working or made of everyday objects or drawn). Be sure to write a short description to go along with this.

By 8:00pm on Tuesday, September 13th upload your creation in some way (photo, short video, web page, etc.) and post a link to it in the ELMS assignments forum.
Some Resources

• Images can be posted to Flickr.
• Videos can be posted to Flickr or YouTube or something similar.
• Stories and other things can be uploaded as web pages to places such as your TerpConnect space, a blog such as Blogger, etc.
• If you aren’t sure how to post your creation online, please see one of us in advance and we can show you some options.