

1984 Discussion/Essay Questions

Section 1

Choose five of the following questions to answer. Provide specific examples from the novel in each answer, and use correct grammar and mechanics. Incorporate specific quotes and page numbers for extra credit. **DO NOT SHARE ANSWERS WITH OTHER STUDENTS.** (1/2 page each)

1. What is the significance of Winston's dreams/memories?
2. Why does Orwell represent the society of 1984 as being in a perpetual state of war, yet with no decisive victory?
3. Why does Orwell describe the Proles in 1984 in the way that he does? What is their significance to the story?
4. What is the function of technology in 1984?
5. Why is a discussion of sex in society so important in this anti-utopian novel? Why does Orwell choose to describe it as he does?
6. Why are the laws of 1984 so effective in controlling the citizens?
7. What would you say is Orwell's message about information, language, and writing?
8. Why is the headquarters of the Thought Police and the repressive apparatus of the Party called "The Ministry of Love."
9. Compare and contrast Julia and Winston's forms of revolt against Big Brother.