



1984 ESSAY

In 1984, humans are no longer important and all that matters is power. The purpose of George Orwell's novel is to warn people about where the state of the world could be headed if too much power were to be given to the government.

Prompt: *How is our world actually growing closer to the world of 1984? Write a 2-5 page essay that discusses Orwell's warning in relation to one of the topics below and compare this warning to Big Brother danger signs that exist in the world today. Around each main idea are several subtopics that could be discussed in your essay and compared to modern day events.*

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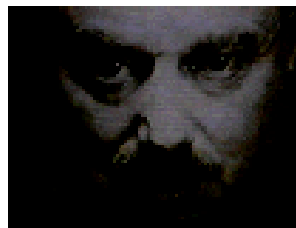
- blue overalls
- "comrade"
- the Junior Anti-Sex League
- the physical jerks
- Newspeak
- doublethink
- ownlife
- facecrime
- the two minutes hate
- Goldstein
- hate week

WHO CONTROLS THE PAST CONTROLS THE FUTURE. WHO CONTROLS THE PRESENT CONTROLS THE PAST.

- Ministry of Truth
- Ministry of Plenty
- Winston's job
- false confessions
- false statistics

WAR IS PEACE, FREEDOM IS SLAVERY, IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

- constant state of war
- hate week
- Goldstein
- the Revolution
- rocket bombs
- censorship
- rationing of supplies
- the proles
- changing history



THOUGHT CONTROL

- torture
- two plus two equals five
- thoughtcrime
- facecrime
- ownlife
- censorship
- changing history

PERSONAL PRIVACY

- thought police
- telescreens
- ownlife
- facecrime
- the physical jerks
- control of sex, love, and marriage
- thoughtcrime
- lack of written laws
- maintaining a state of war
- the use of technology
- child spies

RUBRIC

Introduction

Must hook the audience by discussing the topic in general, then connect to a thesis statement that answers the prompt directly and completely.

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Body Organization

Answer the prompt with paragraphs that have a logical order (usually chronological).

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Body Paragraphs

Each paragraph should have a claim, proof to support your claim (quotes, symbols, and events) and analysis of how the 1984 proof relates to modern day events and circumstances.

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Answers the Prompt and Follows Directions

Every part of the essay should have a consistent focus on answering the prompt.

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Conclusion

Restates what was proved and ends in a final general thought about the topic.

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MLA Format and Citations

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