

# English 12 – Collegiate Writing and Research

## Summer Assignment 2019

**Task:** All students are required to read the novel *1984* by *George Orwell*. In addition, students are required to answer a series of pre-reading questions as well as additional questions after completion of the novel. Answers to all questions should be typed in MLA format, using quotes from the novel when necessary. Assignments will be collected on the first day of classes.

**Pre-reading questions:** Complete the following questions prior to reading the novel.

1. What are some ways that decisions are reached by a group of citizens?
2. Why are there rules and Laws for a society to follow?
3. Why do some societies fall to Totalitarian rule?
4. What causes persons to follow the actions of others without question?
5. Explain why most dictatorships eventually fail.

**Read the novel in its entirety.** While reading, take notice of the characters and their interaction with each other. Annotate while reading, noting aspects of society and technology expressed by the author.

**Post reading questions:** Complete the following questions upon the completion of novel. Be sure to include quotes and examples from the story to explain your responses.

1. What is the setting of the novel? What is the county and city?
2. Describe the main character. Include his living conditions and his employment.
3. Explain the importance of “Big Brother” Describe his image as portrayed in the novel.
4. What is “Newspeak” and how does it work?
5. What is a “facecrime”? Give an example from the novel.
6. What is the aim of the Party?
7. What role does technology take in the party’s control over the characters?
8. How does Winston evolve during story and how is his fate determined?
9. Explain the importance of Room 101.
10. What warning do you believe the author is sending to readers about society and government trends?

**Be prepared for a quiz on first day of class**