

Summer Reading Assignments for Orwell's *1984*:

- 1) Read and EXTENSIVELY ANNOTATE your print copy of Orwell's novel. You will need to be thorough in your annotation and provide explanations for why you annotated a given passage (Big Brother will be watching you).
- 2) Be prepared for an In-Class Essay the second day of class on the novel. This essay will draw on one of the following aspects of the novel:
  - Systems of totalitarian control vs. human free will (individual vs. society)
  - Winston's conflicts (internal and external)
  - The political message and relevance of Orwell's novel in light of the totalitarian regimes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
  - The nature of propaganda and its use and abuse in the novel
  - The authorship of history (in the novel and in various societies today)
  - The accuracy of the novel's vision of future life