

Summer Reading Assignment

Rising 12th Grade - Honors

***1984* by George Orwell**

Welcome to senior year! Over the summer, all incoming seniors are required to read *1984* by George Orwell. This dystopian novel explores the dangers of government control, loss of privacy, and manipulation of truth. These issues remain alarmingly relevant today.

Please follow the guidelines below to prepare for a successful start to the school year.

Assignment Requirements:

1. Read the entire novel:

Finish reading *1984* before the first day of school. Bring your copy of the book with you on the first day for discussion and assessment activities.

2. Be prepared for an assessment:

During the first two weeks of school, you will complete a reading assessment covering:

- Major plot events
- Character motivations and transformations
- Themes and symbols (e.g., surveillance, Newspeak, Big Brother)

3. Prepare for an in-class essay:

You will write an essay analyzing how a theme in *1984* connects to our world today. Possible themes include:

- Government surveillance
- Propaganda and misinformation
- The dangers of conformity
- The manipulation of language and truth

Optional Preparation Tips:

To help you retain key details:

- Take brief notes as you read.
- Highlight or annotate important passages, especially those that feel similar to real-world issues.
- After each major section (Part 1, Part 2, Part 3), write a short summary including:
 - Major plot developments
 - Shifts in Winston's character
 - Symbols or themes that emerge

Important Reminder:

This assignment will count as your first major English grade of the year. Stay focused this summer and begin senior year ready to think critically and engage with powerful ideas.