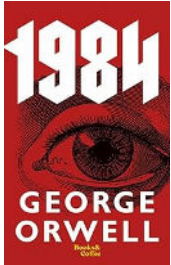


## British Literature Summer Reading Assignments 2024-25

Follow the directions on [fpdmacon.org](http://fpdmacon.org) regarding your faculty selection book. In addition, you will read

### **1984 by George Orwell**

**I. 1984 assignment: You do not have to annotate the entire book.** You are welcome to do so if you wish. There are specific passages (listed below) you need to annotate that will be checked as part of the summer reading grade.



I suggest getting the copy of the book pictured here. It is ISBN 605746222X (the ISBN number is on the back above the barcode, but if you search Amazon for ISBN 605746222X this is the copy that comes up). This edition has larger pages and is easier to annotate. **You may purchase a different edition, but the page numbers listed in the assignment won't match up.**

Your annotated *1984* and the following questions are due **Thursday, August 15 (first full day of school)**. When I ask for annotations, what I am looking for is a **consistent and thorough interaction** with the book. Mark anything that seems significant in the passage. Make statements, ask questions, mark important/confusing/surprising words and phrases.

#### **Annotate the following passages:**

- Part 1, Chapter 1 from the start of the book (p. 5) to “Even the streets leading up to its outer barriers” (p. 8).
- Part 1, Chapter 1 from “The thing he was about to do was...” (p. 10) to “The Hate had started” (p. 14).
- Part 2, Chapter 2 from “They were standing in the shade of hazel bushes” (p. 117) to “The bird took flight and fled with a clatter of wings” (p. 119).
- Part 2, Chapter 3 from “Julia was twenty-six years old” (p. 124) to “I’m sorry I didn’t” (p. 128).
- Part 2, Chapter 5 from “Sometimes, too, they talked of engaging in active rebellion...” (p. 145) to the end of the chapter.
- Part 2, Chapter 10 from p. 210 to the end of the chapter.
- Part 3, Chapter 3 from “Get up from that bed” (p. 257) to the end of the chapter.

**Answer the following questions. Each answer should have a direct quote from the novel for support. Format your answers in MLA style (12-point font, MLA heading, page numbers). Your written responses will be collected Thursday, August 15 (first full day of school) on [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com).**

1. Throughout the novel, the Party uses Newspeak to control its members. Do you think it is possible to control people by adding or subtracting certain words from a language? Do words have importance to you personally? Explain your answer.
2. There are various examples throughout the novel of the Party changing history or entirely wiping out people’s memories? Why do they do this? Why should historical facts and memories be important and valuable to you?
3. How does the Party use fear to manipulate its members? How do people feel knowing Big Brother is always watching them? How do you feel knowing God is watching you? Is it a fearful feeling or a comforting one? How do God’s methods of working in your life differ from Big Brother’s influence in the lives of Party members?
4. What, in your opinion, are the worst parts of the world created in *1984*? Would God allow a world like the one in *1984* to exist, or would He step in and overthrow such a culture? Would living in a world like the one in *1984* change your beliefs? Explain your answer.

If you have questions over the summer about this assignment, feel free to contact me at [andrew.katzer@fpdmacon.org](mailto:andrew.katzer@fpdmacon.org).