



SENIOR SUMMER READING 2026

College Bound, Honors, and Dual Enrollment

1984 By George Orwell

- Journal (50 points) Due Monday August 17, 2026
 - Students are to provide a **handwritten journal** to accompany the book. *If I can't read your handwriting, I can't grade your work.*
 - This journal **does not have to be in an actual journal** and can be on loose leaf and stapled.
 - Journals should contain **notes from each chapter** (label each chapter) focusing on the aspects outlined in the link.
 - **Students are to write notes in this journal instead of physically annotating in the book.** Visit the link below for directions on annotating:
<https://www.wikihow.com/Annotate-a-Book>
- Quiz (50 points)
 - A study guide will be given on the half day.
 - Quiz will occur on the first full day of school (Monday)

Honors and Dual Enrollment Only

Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities By John Warner

- Annotations (50 points) Due Monday August 17, 2026
 - **Students are to make annotations directly in the book or digital copies for a grade.**
 - Students are to follow the directions in the following visual link. **Visit the link below for directions on annotating:** <https://www.wikihow.com/Annotate-a-Book>
 - Digital copies will need to be saved as a PDF and uploaded onto Google Classroom. Books will be handed in. Don't forget to put your name in your book.
- Essay (50 points)
 - You will be asked to reflect and write an essay on this book.
 - Essays will occur during the first week of class. All writing will be done in class.
 - Directions and rubric for the essay will be given in class. (50 points)
- Text may be purchased online:
https://www.amazon.com/Why-They-Cant-Write-Five-Paragraph/dp/1421437988/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3OJR6R4776JLQ&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.UPARNtOyg8ivoSSrGpwiBQ.yhE5nVpJ9uXB_2SWeken8hf7OsRpNevsvKK69gqA_i8&dib_tag=se&keywords=killing+the+five+paragraph+essay&qid=1778606984&srefix=killing+the+five+paragraph%2Caps%2C962&sr=8-1



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1984 Guiding Questions (HCB/DE)

Name: _____

Directions: Each student is required to turn in a handwritten copy of the answers on the first day of classes.

Part 1 Chapter 1

1. Why does Airstrip One operate on military time, as opposed to standard time, which Britain has historically used?
2. How does Winston feel about O'Brien at the beginning of the book?

Part 1 Chapter 2

3. How are children trained to support the Party?
4. Which of the following is not one of the three principles of INGSOC?

Part 1 Chapter 3

5. Who appears in Winston's dream in Part 1, Chapter 3?
6. What is the Party's approach to Airstrip One's history?

Part 1 Chapter 4

7. What is a SpeakWrite?
8. What would most likely happen if a citizen of Airstrip One asked questions about the change in the chocolate ration or the amount of boots produced?

Part 1 Chapter 5

9. What is facecrime?
10. What is one way Ingsoc utilizes language as a form of propaganda?

Part 1 Chapter 6

11. Which is an example of an accurate difference between the Party women and the prole women?
12. What is Winston's relationship with his wife, Katharine, like?

Part 1 Chapter 7

13. How does the Party view and treat the proles?
14. Describe how the Party utilized history as propaganda.

Part 1 Chapter 8

15. Why does the Party isolate citizens from each other?
16. In Part 1, Chapter 8, what does Winston purchase?

Part 2 Chapter 1

17. How does Winston react to the message in Julia's note?
18. What does Julia do to get Winston's attention?

Part 2 Chapter 2

19. What are Winston's initial thoughts about Julia?
20. How is Julia's public persona different from her true feelings about the Party?

Part 2 Chapter 3

21. What is the irony in Julia going to a Junior Anti-Sex League meeting?
22. How did Winston's wife, Katharine, respond to sex?

Part 2 Chapter 4

23. What crime are Julia and Winston committing by renting and meeting in the room?



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24. What does Winston see that frightens him?

Part 2 Chapter 5

25. How did Syme become an unperson?

26. What are two historical details that Winston questions, but Julia accepts?

Part 2 Chapter 6

27. What does O'Brien offer to Winston?

28. How is Winston supposed to retrieve the Newspeak dictionary from Winston?

Part 2 Chapter 7

29. What rare emotional reaction does Winston display when he awakens from a dream in Part 2, Chapter 7?

30. What is the irony in Winston's view of the proles?

Part 2 Chapter 8

31. What action of O'Brien's shocks Winston and Julia?

32. What secret does Winston share with O'Brien?

Part 2 Chapter 9

33. How does the Party control its citizens more effectively than past rulers have been able to?

34. What is doublethink?

Part 2 Chapter 10

35. What does the smashing of the coral paperweight symbolize?

36. What role does Mr. Charrington play in Winston and Julia's arrest?

Part 3 Chapter 1

37. Why is Parsons, Winston's neighbor, arrested?

38. What is Winston's first thought when O'Brien comes into the cell?

Part 3 Chapter 2

39. What is the actual role that O'Brien plays in Winston's torture?

40. How does O'Brien portray himself as a person who wants to help Winston?

Part 3 Chapter 3

41. What are the stages in Winston's reintegration?

42. What does Winston believe will ultimately defeat the Party?

Part 3 Chapter 4

43. Why is Winston given regular meals, clothes, and dental work?

44. Why does O'Brien insist that Winston loves Big Brother?

Part 3 Chapter 5

45. Why does O'Brien believe that every person will break in Room 101?

46. How does Winston react to the rats?

Part 3 Chapter 6

47. How does his experience in Room 101 still haunt Winston?

48. Which statement best describes the irony in the final statement, "He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother."?