



## Grade 12 Summer 2025 Reading List

### **Grade 12 (HCB/DE and CB)**

*Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie

- You can purchase the book here  
<https://www.amazon.com/Murder-Roger-Ackroyd-Hercule-Mysteries/dp/0062073567>
- **IMPORTANT:** You will be given a quiz on the first full day of class on the above book. It is worth 10% of your first quarter grade. Guiding questions will also be picked up on the first full day of class.

### **Grade 12 (HCB/DE Only)**

*1984* by George Orwell

- You can purchase the book here  
[https://www.amazon.com/1984-George-Orwell/dp/B08T49SJZT/ref=sxin\\_16\\_pa\\_sp\\_search\\_thematic\\_ssapa?content-id=amzn1.sym.661ebeb0-f963-4372-8705-db06dbe4c5e3%3Aamzn1.sym.661ebeb0-f963-4372-8705-db06dbe4c5e3&cv\\_ct\\_cx=1984&keywords=1984&pd\\_rd\\_i=B08T49SJZT&pd\\_rd\\_r=6d062767-b447-40ec-b6b1-acdff5c03bd&pd\\_rd\\_w=sUVQB&pd\\_rd\\_wg=vKqfK&pf\\_rd\\_p=661ebeb0-f963-4372-8705-db06dbe4c5e3&pf\\_rd\\_r=5PYMEJVVQP4VQY00XKY8&qid=1748465307&s=books&sbo=RZvfv%2F%2FHxDF%2BO5021pAnSA%3D%3D&sr=1-2-6caf8c80-d701-4184-90ff-f670949d61c2-spons&sp\\_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9zZWYyY2hfdGhlfWF0aWWM&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/1984-George-Orwell/dp/B08T49SJZT/ref=sxin_16_pa_sp_search_thematic_ssapa?content-id=amzn1.sym.661ebeb0-f963-4372-8705-db06dbe4c5e3%3Aamzn1.sym.661ebeb0-f963-4372-8705-db06dbe4c5e3&cv_ct_cx=1984&keywords=1984&pd_rd_i=B08T49SJZT&pd_rd_r=6d062767-b447-40ec-b6b1-acdff5c03bd&pd_rd_w=sUVQB&pd_rd_wg=vKqfK&pf_rd_p=661ebeb0-f963-4372-8705-db06dbe4c5e3&pf_rd_r=5PYMEJVVQP4VQY00XKY8&qid=1748465307&s=books&sbo=RZvfv%2F%2FHxDF%2BO5021pAnSA%3D%3D&sr=1-2-6caf8c80-d701-4184-90ff-f670949d61c2-spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9zZWYyY2hfdGhlfWF0aWWM&psc=1)
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*The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* Guiding Questions (CB & HCB/DE)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Who is the narrator of the novel?
2. Where does Dr. Sheppard's sister Caroline get most of her gossip from?
3. Who dies first in the novel?
4. How does Mrs. Ferrars die?
5. How is Mrs. Cecil Ackroyd related to Roger Ackroyd?
6. How is Ralph Patton related to Roger Ackroyd?
7. Who is the author of "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd"?
8. What does Dr. Sheppard initially believe his neighbor's profession to be?
9. Who is "Poirot"?
10. Why did Hercule Poirot originally come to King's Abbot?
11. Ultimately, who is the mysterious stranger whom Dr. Sheppard meets approaching Fernly Park on the night of the murder?
12. Who killed Ashley Ferrars, Mrs. Ferrars' late husband?
13. Why did Flora Ackroyd initially pretend that she said goodnight to her uncle at 9:45?
14. Who moved the chair in Roger Ackroyd's office after his murder?
15. Who moved their chair in Roger Ackroyd's office after his murder?
16. What nationality is Hercule Poirot?
17. What clues does Poirot find on the floor of the summerhouse?
18. The inspectors immediately find footprints outside of Ackroyd's study window. Who do these initially point to as the murderer?
19. What did Poirot find the quill was used for?
20. Where is the novel set?
21. Who is ultimately revealed as Mrs. Ferrars' blackmailer?
22. Who is Major Blunt in love with?
23. Who is Flora Ackroyd engaged to by the novel's end?
24. What significant purchase did Roger Ackroyd make the week before he was killed?
25. Where did Ralph Paton hide after the murder was committed?
26. Who killed Roger Ackroyd?
27. Explain what happens to Dr. Sheppard at the end of the novel.



## 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?
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."?