

THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Senior requirement: *1984*

Your part in the exciting summer reading program at Lutheran High School West is the novel *1984* by George Orwell. You need to procure the book somehow, which should not be a problem, since it is available at libraries and bookstores. Then do the following two things:

1. Read the book.
2. Take the 100 question Scantron card reading test on the book, which may be accompanied by a short answer section.
3. Complete the study guide as you read if you wish. Although it will not be collected, it does pinpoint many of the main ideas from the scantron test.

1984 is Orwell's nightmare vision of the future. Set in London sometime in the future, it is the story of a government worker named Winston Smith and his lover Julia, who attempt to evade the Thought Police and fight the socialist Party that controls the lives of the citizens.

The book is about 250 pages long. Feel free to skim over Part 2, section IX (about 27 pages), which is a long, dull, unimportant section of a book that Winston is reading. (In this section, the writer, who is supposedly an enemy of the state, expounds his theory that perpetual, limited warfare is necessary for Party control, and the changing of the past is essential for true thought-control.) You do not need to read the appendix at the end of the book, either.

By the way, study notes used in place of reading the book have not been particularly helpful to students in the past in attempting to pass the reading test on *1984*. Neither has the movie. You might as well read the book.

Study Guide 1984

The people, items or concepts listed below are integral to understanding 1984. Completing this study guide will help you prepare for the test in fall and facilitate your discussion of the book throughout the year. Many of these concepts have become ingrained in our culture, and your comprehension of them will provide useful in your future studies as well.

Important Characters-Identify each character by giving a brief description of his/her job or role in the story. Trace their attitudes toward the party through the three different sections of the book.

	Part I	Part II	Part III
Winston Smith			
O'Brien			
Julia			
Emmanuel Goldstein			
Mr. Charrington			
Syme			
Parsons and family			
Martin			
Ampleforth			

Define Newspeak:

Newspeak Terms: Define each of the following newspeak terms.

Doublethink

Thoughtcrime

Ingsoc

Unperson

Ownlife

Crimestop

Blackwhite

Other ideas: Explain the importance of each of the following to Winston.

Telescreen

Spies

Room 101

Ministry of Love

The glass paperweight

Proles

2 Minute Hate

Chestnut Tree

The Lottery

Aaronson, Rutherford, and Jones

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Explain the idea of Big Brother. Consider how Big Brother is a concept that is alive and well in our world today.