



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL



Incoming 12th Grade

Summer Reading Assignment: *1984* by George Orwell

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Due:

Friday, September 12, 2025 by 11:59 pm

Task:

- Read *1984* by George Orwell
 - Type your responses to the following prompts. Each response should be at least one paragraph in length.
 - Number your responses (1, 2, 3..) and follow proper MLA format -include heading, size 12, Times New Roman, 1" margins.
 - Be detailed and specific in your responses as this will count as your Quarter I Project.
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1. Describe the dystopian society depicted in the novel, including its political structure, surveillance methods and social hierarchy.
 2. Who are the main characters in the story and how do they navigate the oppressive society they live in?
 3. Analyze the Party's use of technology, such as telescreens and the Thought Police, to exert power and control over individuals.
 4. Consider the relevance of *1984* to contemporary society, particularly in terms of surveillance, government control and the erosion of privacy.
 5. How does Orwell's portrayal of authoritarianism and totalitarianism in *1984* serve as a warning or cautionary tale to readers.
 6. Reflect on the significance of the novel's ending and its message about resistance, rebellion and the human spirit.