

1984 by George Orwell (ISBN: 9780451524935)
SJU - 12th Grade Honors - Summer Study Guide
Due Date: September 12th, 2025

Please answer each of the following questions, in complete sentences, to aid in your comprehension of 1984; you will also be expected to complete an in-class assignment after a book discussion in September:

- 1) What is the setting of 1984? Please include country, time period, etc., as well as a description of the physical setting. Why does Orwell choose this setting? How does the setting influence the meaning and/or events of the book?
- 2) What do you think the overall theme, or lesson, of 1984 is? Why do you think that? Do you think that theme is applicable today? Why or why not?
- 3) What is one aspect of the book that you enjoyed? Why?
- 4) What is one aspect of the book that you would change? Why?

For each of the following characters, choose a character trait that describes each one. Then, find a piece of evidence in the book (either a quote or an example) that demonstrates that trait. In the third box, explain why that evidence demonstrates your character trait.

The fourth and fifth columns involve deciding whether the character is *static* or *dynamic*. A static character is one that does not change throughout the play; a dynamic character is one that does change.

Character	Character trait	Textual evidence of character trait	Explanation of how textual evidence supports character trait	Static or dynamic character?	One example of why said character is static or dynamic?
Winston Smith					
Julia					
O'Brien					
Big Brother					
Mr. Charrington					
Syme					
Emmanuel Goldstein					
Parsons					

