

Welcome to 12th Grade Humanities!

This coming school year the 12th-Grade humanities will be focusing on the modern era. As preparation, you will need to complete the following reading and writing assignment.

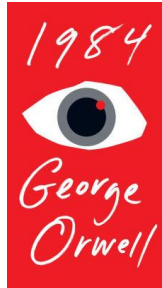
DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH

Read

1984 by George Orwell

You can find the book on:

- Amazon
- Barnes and Noble
- Your local library



Write

Complete an essay using 1 of the following prompts.

What is Orwell's vision of a good society? What, based on the world created in *1984*, is his political ideal?

Or

Reread pages 167-179, which details Winston's initial encounter with O'Brien. Answer the following question: how does Orwell use irony in this section to express the novel's key ideas?

Or

Persecuted by O'Brien in the Ministry of Love, Winston ponders that it is "perhaps it is better to be understood than to be loved" (252). Consider *1984* as a whole and Orwell's goal: is he arguing for love or for understanding?

Expectations

- Typed, 12 point font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, double spaced
- 2-3 pages
- Any quote, paraphrase or summary from *1984* must include the page number. Any additional outside sources must be cited using Chicago NB formatting

Rubric

- Paragraphs and the essay demonstrate unity and coherence
- Essay shows thought and careful consideration of the prompt
- Use details from the book to support your answer

NOTE!

This summer, also spend time doing preliminary research on potential thesis topics.