

# George Orwell's *1984* Pacing Guide

## Smith's English I Honors/Gifted



Greetings Comrade,

**BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING.** But the Brotherhood gains momentum. Brace yourself for a riveting 5-weeks of reading George Orwell's dystopian novel *1984*. Throughout this unit, you will explore themes such as dehumanization, loneliness & isolation, social class disparity, and the abuse of power. You will also participate in lively class discussions and activities, write a week-long journal, collaborate with your peers to construct your very own *1984* board game, and complete a genre comparison/contrast essay.

Most of your reading will happen outside of class. Be prepared to spend 20-30 minutes each night. I expect you to keep up with your reading (as mapped out below) and be prepared for class discussions and reading quizzes daily. You should come to class having read the chapters listed on the dates below **PRIOR to coming to class**. For instance, on November 3rd, you must have completely read through page 34. If you consider dropping the reading for even a moment, remember BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING and consequences will come in the form of unannounced reading quizzes.

If you make it through the novel without vanishing or being caught by the Thought Police, you will have escaped the danger of doublethink. Good luck, comrade. One day soon we shall meet in the place where there is no darkness.

Sincerely,

B!B!B!

## Quizzes/Tests/Projects Dates

**Part I Quiz: November 13th**

**Part II Quiz: November 24th**

**Final Test: December 4th**

**Group Project & Presentations: December 7th-11th**

**Dystopian Outside Read Essay: December 18th**

## Week 1 November 1-8th

### Part I

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Chapter I pgs. 5-20

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Chapter 1 pgs. 5-20

**Read 2 pgs. 20-27 in class (Ms. Smith out)**

**HW: Read Chapter 3 pgs. 27-34**

Nov. 5: Have Chapter 3 pgs. 27-34 completed PRIOR to coming to class

Nov. 6: Chapter IV pgs. 34-43

Nov. 6-8: Over the weekend, complete reading through chapter V pgs. 43-55

## Week 2 November 9-15th

Nov. 9: Have chapters 1-5 completed before class on Monday. 6 pgs. 55-60

Nov. 10: Read through chapters 6 (pg. 55-60) and chapter 7 (pgs. 60-69)

Nov. 11: Chapter 8 pgs. 70-87 (Veteran's Day/ Read at home)

### Part II

Nov. 12: No Reading//Discuss Part I and class activities

Nov. 13: Quiz over Part I and read chapter I pgs. 88-98 (Ms. Smith out/ Read in class with substitute)

Nov. 14-15: Chapter II pgs. 98-105 (Weekend reading)

Nov. 14-15: Chapter III pgs. 105-113 (Weekend reading)

## **Week 3 November 16-22**

Nov. 16: Chapter IV pgs. 113-122

Nov. 17: Chapter V pgs. 122-130

Nov. 18: Chapter VI pgs. 130-132

Nov. 19: Chapter VII pgs. 132-138

Nov. 20: Chapter VIII pgs. 138-147

Nov. 22-22: Chapter IX pgs. 148-179 (Weekend reading)

Chapter 1 Ignorance is Strength pg. 152

Chapter 3 War is Peace pgs. 152-165

Chapter 1 Ignorance is Strength pg. 166-179

Chapter X pgs. 179-185

## **Week 4 November 23-29**

**Thanksgiving Holidays\*\*\*BE SURE TO COMPLETE YOUR READING OF PART III OVER YOUR BREAK. BE READY FOR A READING QUIZ AND CLASS DISCUSSION UPON YOUR RETURN**

Nov. 23-No Reading//Discuss Part II and class activities

Nov. 24: Quiz over Part II and begin reading for Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 25-27: Chapter I pgs. 186-197

Nov. 28--29: Chapter II pgs. 198-215

## **Week 5 November 30-December 6th**

**Part III**

Dec. 2: Chapter III (pgs. 215-225) & IV (pgs. 226-232)

Dec. 3: FINISH THE NOVEL: Chapter V (pgs. 232-236) & Chapter VI (pgs. 236-245)

**Dec. 4: FINAL TEST**