

# LASALLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

## A.P. MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY

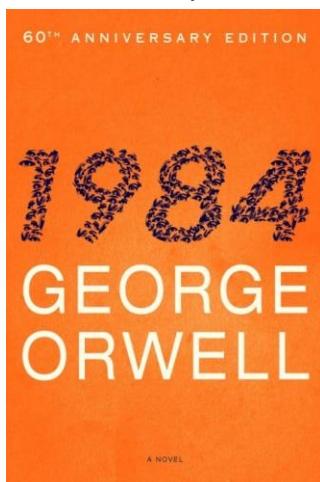
## SUMMER READING 2017

### SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

BOOK: **1984** by George Orwell  
ISBN: 13: 978-0452262935

**Kindle Available:** Free

Attached to this website you will find the assignments for **1984** for sophomore year, A.P. Modern European History. Each grade level assignment has been reviewed to make it



appropriate for that grade. As has been our summer reading custom for students, books selected also provide a transition between the school years by introducing themes and ideas that will be explored in the new school year. By reading and completing their summer assignment the student's will develop the ability to discuss **1984** across classes as they are introduced to reading, critical thinking, and writing skills, from the same book. The hope is that the students will find the selected book informative and enjoyable and will want to continue to explore the world of books.

- 1) Review the attached link to familiarize yourself with the work and intent of author George Orwell.
  - a. This link includes the full text of the book 1984.
  - b. [http://www.george-orwell.org/l\\_biography.html](http://www.george-orwell.org/l_biography.html)
- 2) Without looking at the assignment and wondering what is due the first day of school I want you to look upon the reading of the book as leisure reading. This is a summer read. The book is ranked by **TIME** as one of the 100 best English language books written from 1923 thru 2005. I would suggest you ask someone (a parent, a good friend) to read it with you. Read it on the beach or at your vacation spot. Enjoy a good book.
- 3) Make sure you are aware of the term "dystopia".
  - a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a6kbU88wu0>
  - b. Recent fiction writing has explored the term in works such as Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, The Handmaids Tale by Margaret Atwood or even the screen play Inception by Christopher Nolan. You should consider Orwell's work as a predecessor to all futuristic description of a controlled society.

**The Assignment:** due the first day of class.

- 1) In a paragraph for each option respond to the following prompt.

An authoritarian society attempts to control all aspects of life. Within the novel **1984** explain that control in FIVE (5) of the following areas. Be sure to use Orwellian terminology while responding to this prompt.

Education

Government

Media

Law and Order

Personal life

Leisure Time

International affairs

- 2) "If you kept the small rules you could break the big ones." Pg. 114

Using the preceding quote and your reading of the book explain how Winston and Julia evade the controlling forces as a resistance movement.

- 3) "The proles are human beings. We are not human." Pg. 165

What does Winston mean in the above statement? What does it take to be "human" in your opinion?

- 4) "Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past." Pg. 221

Using the preceding quote and your reading of the book interpret the interaction between Winston and O'Brien. What was each attempting to accomplish? Who would end up victorious?

Have a Great Summer,

Mr. Devlin