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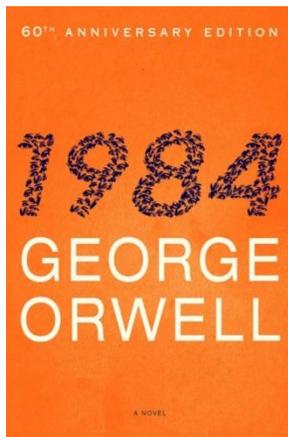
SUMMER READING 2017

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

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

Kindle Available: Free

1984 is considered one of the greatest books ever written (the 13th best on Modern Library's list, 20th best according to thegreatestbooks.org). At the time of writing (April, 2017), 1984



was experiencing resurgence in popularity, and appeared at #6 on the Amazon.com best seller list. The book is a dystopian fiction novel, satirizing Communism and other forms of authoritarianism. Every student at all grade-levels enrolled in a Social Studies course for the 2017-2018 school year will be reading this book for summer reading. 1984's resurgence in popularity means that La Salle students are entering into a larger conversation in our cultural discourse. Because the 2016 election appears to have galvanized the La Salle student body to engage in contemporary civic discourse, the Social Studies department feels strongly that that galvanization is one that we should keep enflamed in students while at La Salle and beyond. For the purposes of Social Studies, 1984 involves a lot of opportunity to apply

past learning in social studies courses, and the themes, conflicts, and resolutions learned therein (the reading guide below will help).

Your work will be due on our first day of class, and we will immediately start with discussions of 1984.

Prompt:

1984 takes a look at a government in Oceania that is a perpetual state of war that allows the government to engage in constant surveillance and public manipulation. While a dystopian world it is worth us pondering when and to what extent our government may engage in activities of surveillance and public manipulation. We want you to choose **Three (3)** of the following incidents/laws, conduct some research, and compare that event in American history to Oceania. Compare the law, the application of it, the reasons for it, and conclude to what extent you see similarities or differences.

Be sure to cite your sources. **DO NOT** simply cut and paste from the internet. Read, think, and write your own work.

Alien and Sedition Act

Suspension of writ of habeas corpus (1862)
Committee on Public Information
Espionage and Sedition Acts
Palmer Raids
Criminal Syndicalism Laws
Executive Order 9066
House Un-American Activities Committee
CointelPro
Patriot Act

Have a Great Summer

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