

AP Literature Reading Questions 1984 by George Orwell.

Directions: Answer each in complete sentences on notebook paper. You may need to use more than one sentence for some of the questions. Write as much as needed to fully answer the question

PART1: Chapter 1

1. When does the story begin?
2. What kind of day is it?
3. How have the clocks been changed?
4. Who is the first character introduced?
5. Where does he live?
6. Describe the place (details: smells, conditions)
7. What is the large poster?
8. Why doesn't Winston take the lift?
9. Why is it difficult for Winston to climb the stairs?
10. What is the caption beneath the large poster on the wall?
11. Where does the "fruity" voice come from?
12. Why can't the telescreen be completely shut off?
13. How does the telescreen differ from our television?
14. Describe Winston (Be specific)
15. What is the word on the flapping poster?
16. What police bother Winston?
17. What city and country does Winston live in?
18. Can Winston recall the city of his childhood?
19. What can Winston see from his window?
20. What are the 3 slogans of the party etched on Miniture?
21. How many buildings like these can Winston see from his window? What are they?
22. Which is the most frightening? Why?
23. Does Winston have any food?
24. What does he drink?
25. What does he smoke?
26. Where does he sit to write and why?

Chapter 2

1. What does Winston realize he has done with his diary?
2. Who is at the door?
3. Are the Victory Apartments well built? Explain.
4. How is the Parson's flat (apartment) different from Winston's?
5. Why are the children disappointed?
6. Who is Parsons? Describe him.
7. How are Parsons's children similar to all kids today?
8. For what are the children of 1984 being trained?
9. Who does Winston think says, "We shall meet in the place where there is no darkness?"
10. What is the bad news on the telescreen?
11. What does Winston say is the only thing people can call their own?
12. Before Winston leaves for work, what is the essence of what he writes in his diary?
13. What ordinary thing does he do to himself before he goes back to work? Why?
14. What does he put on the corner of the cover of his diary before he leaves? Why?

PART1: Chapter 3

1. What does Winston think happened to his mother and father?

2. Why does Winston think his mother and father had to die?
3. What change has there been in emotion since Winston's mother died?
4. In Winston's dream, when the girl throws off all her clothes in one graceful motion, what is it most captures his interest? (It is not her nudity!!)
5. Why does Winston sleep without night clothes?
6. What does Winston do after his coughing fit?
7. What can Winston remember of his early life?
8. What does Winston remember about the beginning of the war?
9. What country is Oceania at war with at this time?
10. Why is the Past to be wiped away?
11. What is Winston's decision about the past?
12. How long has Big Brother (BB) existed in the Party histories?
13. When does Winston first believe he heard the word "INGSOC"?
14. How is Winston reprimanded and why?
16. How does the instructor encourage her audience to touch their toes?

PART 1: Chapter 4

1. What is Winston's job?
2. What happens when all corrections are made in *The Times*?
3. Is this process of correction used in other media (newspapers, magazines, etc.)?
4. What are some of the jobs of the Ministry of Truth other than the Records department?
5. Does Winston enjoy his work?
6. What happens to people who displease the party?
7. How does Winston decide to fulfill his assignment in regard to BB's speech?

PART 1: Chapter 5

1. Describe the canteen (cafeteria)?
2. Who is Syme?
3. What does he want from Winston?
4. What does Syme work on?
5. What is his remark about the language?
6. Of what does Syme accuse Winston?
7. What does Syme say the whole purpose of Newspeak is?
8. Describe Parsons (p. 49)
9. What does Parsons want from Winston?
10. What is Parsons's attitude towards his sweet children, especially his daughter?
11. What makes Winston think he has an ancestral memory?
12. What is the "ideal" type as described by the Party? Remind you of anything?
13. What are most of the people like (as described by Winston)?
14. Who is Winston afraid of and why?

Chapter 6

1. According to the Party, what is the only purpose of marriage?
2. Why have Katherine and Winston separated?

PART ONE: Chapter 7.

1. According to Winston, where does the only hope lie?
2. How many proles are there?
3. What is the Party's attitude towards the proles?
4. Is there any attempt to convert the proles to Party ideology?
5. What does Winston think are the only characteristics of Party life?
6. Does the Party admit these equalities?
7. What happened to the leaders of the revolution by 1960?
8. What is the significance of the photo showing three men at the social function in New York?

9. For whom does Winston think he is writing his diary?
10. What does Winston decide?

PART ONE: Chapter 8

1. What is a steamer?
2. Who warns Winston?
3. How does the Party fool the people with the lottery?
4. Why can't the old man get a pint?
5. Does Winston get any important information concerning the Past from the old man?
6. Where does Winston eventually find himself?
7. Does the proprietor recognize Winston?
8. What does Winston find to buy?
9. Why does he buy it?
10. What else does the old man show him?
11. Why is Winston attracted to the room?
12. What doesn't the room have?
13. What picture does Winston recognize?
14. What is the proprietor's real name?
15. What do the church bells ringing cause Winston to think about?
16. Does Winston intend to come back to the shop?
17. Whom does Winston see as he leaves the shop?
18. Why is Winston worried?
19. What words does he read on the coin?

PART TWO: Chapter 1

1. What does the girl's note to Winston say?
2. Who makes plans for their meeting?

PART TWO: Chapter 2

1. Where does the couple meet?
2. What does the girl provide as a treat?
3. How do Winston and Julia spend their time?

PART TWO: Chapter 3

1. Where does Julia say they can meet once again?
2. When?
3. Does she arrange for more meetings?
4. Although they never go back to the glen, where do they have a similar meeting?
5. How old is Julia?
6. Where does she work?
7. What is her attitude toward the Party?

PART TWO: Chapter 4

1. From whom has Winston rented a room?
2. When Julia arrives, what does she have in her bag?
3. While Winston is turned towards the window, what does Julia do?
4. Do women in the Party wear makeup?
5. At what does Julia throw her shoe at?
6. How does Winston react to the rats?
7. To what does Winston compare the paper-weight and the coral inside?

PART TWO: Chapter 5

1. Who has vanished?

2. What new poster is displayed all over London?
3. What is the purpose of the poster?
4. Do Julia and Winston meet during the month of June?
5. What changes have taken place in Winston?
6. Does the couple have any feeling of foreboding?
7. Does Julia believe in Goldstein?
8. What evidence of the past does Winston say he possessed?
9. To whom does Julia give credit for the invention of the airplane?

PART TWO: Chapter 6

1. Whom does Winston meet face to face at the Ministry?
2. What are the subjects of the men's discussions?
3. Why does O'Brien give Winston his address?

PART TWO: Chapter 7

1. What particular thing does Winston remember after his father left?
2. When he went home after devouring the chocolate, what does he find?
3. Does Julia want to give up their relationship?

PART TWO: Chapter 8

1. Whom do Julia and Winston go to see?
2. What does O'Brien do that is unusual?
3. What does Winston tell O'Brien?
4. Why is Martin asked to sit down?
5. To whom is a toast made?
6. What is the conspiracy called?
7. What questions are asked of Julia and Winston?
8. To what question does Julia say, "No,"?
9. What does Winston say to the same question?
10. How much will Winston and Julia know?
11. What does O'Brien tell Winston and Julia about the Brotherhood?
12. To what do they drink their second glass of wine?
13. What does O'Brien promise to send them?
14. How will the book be delivered?
15. What question does Winston ask O'Brien?
16. What are the white tablets for?
17. Who goes first?

PART TWO: Chapter 9

1. With what country is Oceania at war with now?
2. What does Winston receive at the rally?
3. Why has Winston been busy?
4. What is the title of Goldstein's Book?
5. What is the first idea presented in Goldstein's Chapter 1: Ignorance is Strength?
6. What is the third chapter of Goldstein's book called?
7. How long have these countries been at war (153)?
8. What is the primary aim of modern warfare?
9. What does the Inner Party believe?
10. What has happened to the word "science"?
11. What are the two aims of the Party?
12. What are the two main problems the Party is concerned with?
13. What is the most powerful weapon possessed by all three states?

14. Who discovered it?
15. Do these states drop atomic bombs?
16. How do the philosophies of the three states differ?
17. What was the purpose of war in the past?
18. What are the characteristics of war now?
19. What do Winston and Julia decide to do about the book?
20. What has been the course of history since 1900 onwards?
21. What has been the purpose of the new movements?
22. When could all humans have become technically equal?
23. What has foreshadowed the political systems now at work?
24. What makes the present High group different from those in the past?
25. What is the only danger of this oligarchy?
26. How does one get his Party position?
27. Are Proles allowed in the Party?
28. Does the Party perpetuate in blood?
29. What does "doublethink" mean?
30. Does Julia listen to all the reading?

PART TWO: Chapter 10

1. In what does Winston decide hope lies?
2. Who says, "you are dead"?
3. Where is the microphone?
4. Who is Mr. Charrington really?
5. What is Room 101 and what happens there?
6. Did the novel end like you expected? Why or why not?