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1984, George Orwell (Signet), ISBN: 978-0451524935

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I hope all of you are having a great summer. Here are a few things that I would like for you to do this summer to prepare for the fall.

1. Read and **EXTENSIVELY ANNOTATE** your print copy of Orwell's novel. You will need to be thorough in your annotation and provide explanations for why you annotated a given passage (Big Brother is watching you).
2. Research and write a short 1-2 page response to **THREE** of the following six categories of the book, *1984*. We will continue with these topics in class for the first week.
 - a. Systems of totalitarian control vs. human free will (individual vs. society).
 - b. Winston's conflicts (internal and external).
 - c. The political message and relevance of Orwell's novel in light of totalitarian regimes of the 20th century.
 - d. The nature of propaganda and its use and abuse in the novel.
 - e. The authorship of history (in the novel and in societies today).
 - f. The accuracy of the novel's vision of future life.