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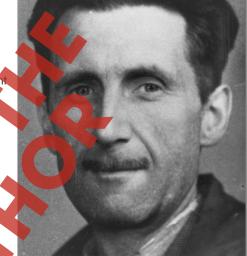


# George Orwell

uthor George Orwell, born Eric Arthur Blair, entered the world on June 25, 1903 in Motihari, Bihar, India, which was at that time controled by the British Empire. His father, Richard Walmesley

Blair, worked in the Opium Department of the Indian Civil Service. Orwell's mother, Ida Mabel Blair, grew up in Burma. Orwell had two siblings, an older sister named Marjorie and a younger sister named Avril. When he was just one year old, Orwell's mother moved him and sister Marjorie to England. Much of his younger days were sper apart from his father, who had stayed behind in India in 1911, Orwell was sent to a preparatory school called St. Cyprian's, where he spent the next five years. During this time, Orwell became noted for his intellect as well as his eccentricities.

Orwell was awarded scholarships to two of England's top schools called Wellington and Eton. After a short stint at Wellington, Orwell moved to Eton, where he would study from 1917 to 1921. One of his masters during this time was noted author Aldous Huxley Orwell published his first writing in college periodicals during this time. In 1922, Orwell left school for a position as assistant district



1922, Orwell left school for a position as assistant district superintendent in the Indian Imperial Police and was stationed in Burma. However, Orwell had dreamed of becoming a writer. His experiences in Burma ultimately became a source of shame as he saw the impact of colonial rule. He would later tap into these experiences in writing the novel *Burmese Days*, published in 1934. Upon returning to England in 1927, Orwell decided not to go back to Burma.

Following his return, Orwell spent time living in cheap houses in London and Paris. These times became the inspiration for his first novel *Down and Out in Paris and London*, published in 1933. His next work, *A Clergyman's Daughter*, was published in 1935, followed by *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* in 1936. Orwell continued to write commentaries on politics, war and class. He finished *Animal Farm* in 1944 and followed up with *Nineteen Eighty-Four* in 1949. However, Orwell wouldn't live to see the lasting impact the latter work would have. He died of tuberculosis in London in 1950.

### Did You Know?

- Author George Orwell's real name was Eric Arthur Blair.
- Orwell was born in Motihari, Bihar, India.
- During the Second World War, Orwell was rejected for military service, and instead headed the Indian service of the BBC.





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# Part One: Chapters Five to Six

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**U** Before You Read Part One: Chapters One to Two Answer the questions in complete sentences. What are some themes that may be suggested by the cover art of Nineteen Eighty-Describe your first impression of the novel, based on the story summary. Choose a word from the list that means the same or nearly the Vocabulary same as the underlined word. concurrently rarely harsh panic spasm awakened showed suddenly 1. It <u>depicted simply</u> an enormous face, more than a meter wide. 2. Even at the best of times, it was **seldom** working. The telescreen received and transmitted simultaneously. Winston turned round abruptly. The telescreen had changed over to **strident** military music. **6.** Winston **roused** himself and sat up straighter. 7. He could not help feeling a **twinge** of panic.

**8.** For a moment he was seized by a kind of **hysteria**.

	did Winston's thinking change after receiving the message from Julia?
Why c	did a crowd gather to watch the Eurasian prisoners pass by? Use evidence.
What	suddenly daunts Winston as he walks through the woods with Julia?
What	does Winston believe will "tear the Party to pieces"?
Why c	does Julia say she spends so much time working and attending Party activi
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and political orthodoxy. Consider why deprivation of basic human rights might produce this type of behavior. Why does

it happen? Can you think of any current examples?

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## Part 1: Chapters 5 to 8

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## Comprehension Quiz

8.	How do Winston's feelings toward Julia change before and after she passes
	him her note?



• What is the significance of the line "orthodoxy is unconsciousness"?



10. In whom does Winston believe hope lies early in the book?



11. In Julia's opinion, why does the Party have puritanical policies on sex?



**12.** What suggests to Winston that O'Brien can be trusted and that he may be a connection to the Brotherhood?





**13.** What is the real reason for ongoing war, according to Goldstein's book?



**14.** How is Winston altered by his experience in the Ministry of Love?

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## **Word Search Puzzle**

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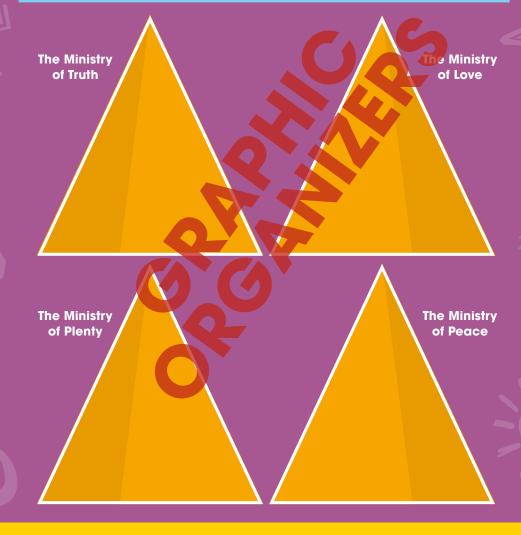
Find the following words from the story. The words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are written backwards.

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# **Ministry of Themes**

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# Part One: Chapters One to Two

Answer each question with a complete sentence or short paragraph.

- How is Winston's character described? What does the description of Winston tell you about his life? What does the function of the telescreen tell you about Winston's world? Use evidence to support your answer.
- Why does Winston feel it made no difference whether he refrained from keeping the diary or not?

# Parsons seem

How does Winston plan to tell if his diary had been discovered while he was gone?



In a few paragraphs, discuss several of the ways the author is able to establish the tone and setting of the story. What sort of tone does the description of Winston and his home in London establish?

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Winston's character is described as "a smallish, frail figure... His hair was very fair, his face naturally sanguine, his skin roughened by coarse soap and blunt razor blades and the cold of the winter

Winston lives a harsh existence evidenced by his "meagerness", "frail figure", and "roughened" skin.

Winston lives in a society where it is conceivable that anyone could be watched and heard in their over home at any time. This datory surveillance privacy.

Under party rule, children have become spies. They are "systematically turned into ungovernable little savages." However, they love the Party and everything connected to it.

### 6.

He places an identifiable grain of dust on the cover where it would be shaken off if the book was moved



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## Vocabulary

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**10**. E

People have been somewhat isolated. He realized that even tragedy, mourning his mother's loss, was something that is no longer possible, it belonged to the past with privacy and love and friendship.

Because the Party has made it so that no written record or spoken word ever made mention of any past alignments other than the current one.

Winston says "if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed—if all records told the same tale—then the lie passed into history and became truth".

Slots where any loose paper to be destroyed is sacked into furnaces.

a speech from Big Brother so that he accurately predicts where an attack will come from. In other words, he rewrites the past.

Winston knew perhaps 30 people personally who disappeared. In Party Newspeak, these people

are called





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