Honors World Literature Research Paper: Anchor Text *1984*

Your research paper will merge your understanding of the novel *1984* with a contemporary political interest. You will have multiple topics to choose from. You will research your topic using *1984* as your primary source along with many other secondary sources, and you will construct a well-organized research paper with an _arguable_ thesis.

This research paper is different from a typical literary analysis paper because you are not only analyzing *1984*, _but you are also analyzing a topic/issue that you see outside of the novel_. That’s where the research comes in – _your secondary sources will not only be about *1984*, they will also be about your topic/issue_.

Topics for consideration

After an examination of the policies of America’s Homeland Security and the Patriot Act:

1. **Compare America’s culture of fear regarding terrorism post 9/11 to Oceania’s culture of fear.** You will argue that our fear is justified and any and all measures should be taken to protect American citizens—or— it is not justified and public policy overreaches in its efforts thereby violating the right to privacy of American citizens.
2. **Compare the effects of modern America’s media manipulation to Oceania’s Ministry of Truth’s manipulation.** You will argue their similarities or differences.
3. **Privacy issues that Americans face today.** You will argue along the lines that Americans have willingly sacrificed their privacy or not.
4. **Compare issues of contemporary surveillance, police brutality, intimidation, and corruption to the Party’s policies.** This is extremely timely given the proliferation of high profile cases in the news. You will be arguing in support of either police or their measures or in support of possible victims of such actions.

Since this is an argumentative essay, you will use the rhetorical strategies we’ve examined this year, including the parts of an argumentative paper including claim, counterclaim, and rebuttal.

There will be 2 separate products as a result of your research.

**Step 1:** The actual research paper.

**Step 2:** Authentic research does not always have as its goal a paper, although many thoughtful papers have been written and published. It is an authentic way to share research. However, many other ways are options. You remember our first semester debate on the merits of social media? Researched. News programs? Researched. Public Forums? Research! Once the research and paper are completed, you will work in groups of four to complete a RAFT (Role, Audience, Format, and Topic). The format is up to you but I have listed below some possible technologies for you to consider.

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