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1984: Theme Assignment

Comment [11]: GRADE of 43/45

1. Quotations

Comment [12]: Score of 19/20

“Until they become conscious they will never rebel, and until after they have rebelled, they cannot become conscious.”

This entry in Winston’s journal is central to a very important theme in 1984: The perpetual nature of tyranny. The people will never rebel unless they know that they should, and tyrannical government keeps these people from knowing. This realization leaves Winston as an inevitably doomed character.

Comment [13]: Profound theme statement!

“Who controls the past controls the future; who controls the present controls the past,”

The manipulation of history is another central theme in 1984. The refusal of Winston to accept the authority of the party’s version of history is what makes him different from everyone else.

Comment [14]: What does the book suggest about the manipulation of history?

2. Vocabulary

Comment [15]: Score of 10/10

“And all the while he must keep his hatred locked up inside him like a ball of matter which was part of himself and yet unconnected with the rest of him, a kind of *cyst*.” [cyst: n. a closed sac having a distinct membrane and developing abnormally in a cavity or structure of the body] {The *cyst* in my body turned out to be a parasite.}

“It was a common punishment in Imperia China’ said O’Brian as *didactically* as ever.”

[Didactical: adj. designed or intended to teach] {I presented our project on the Renaissance as didactically as I could.}

“He even had a job, a *sinecure*, more highly paid than his old job had been.” [Sinecure: n. an office or position that requires little or no work and that usually provides an income.] {The “elected” officer was only a puppet that occupied a *sinecure*. The real work and decisions were made by the dictator.}

3. Creative Assignment

Comment [16]: Score of 14/15

“Exo-Politics” written by Matthew Bellamy; performed by Muse

Open the skies over me

I am waiting patiently

I'll wait for a sign

As conspiracys unwind

Will you slam shut or free your mind?

Or stay hypnotized

When the Zetas fill the skies

Will our leaders tell us why

Fully loaded satellites

Will conquer nothing but our minds

I'm waiting patiently

And I'll wait for the sign

Carried through the centuries

Secrets locked up

Are loaded on my back

And it weighs me down

When the Zetas fill the skies

It's just our leaders in disguise

Fully loaded satellites

Will conquer nothing but our minds

I'm waiting patiently

And I'll wait for the sign

I'm waiting patiently

And I'll wait for the sign

The similar theme between this song and *1984* is the individual's struggle against a totalitarian establishment. Both characters remain the only or few people who question the actions of the government and all they can do is "wait patiently" for something to happen or perhaps someone to help him rebel.

Comment [17]: What does it reveal about the individual's struggle? BMS about the struggle and what is suggests about humanity.