

**1984**

Lesson #9

# INFORMAL QUIZ

**I. What process does Winston exercise himself in in Part III - Chapter Four?**

- a. Doublethink
- b. Duckspeak
- c. Crimestop
- d. Prolefeed

# INFORMAL QUIZ

**2. “If you want to keep a secret you must also hide it from \_\_\_\_\_.”**

- a. Yourself
- b. The ones you love
- c. The Party
- d. Your expressions

# INFORMAL QUIZ

**3. Where does O'Brien send Winston at the beginning of Part III - Chapter Four?**

- a. To be released
- b. To a forced-labour camp
- c. To be vapourized
- d. To Room 101

# INFORMAL QUIZ

**4. What means of torture does O'Brien use on Winston in Room 101?**

- a. Electrocution
- b. Being buried alive
- c. Impalement
- d. Rats

# INFORMAL QUIZ

## **5. Where is Winston at the beginning of Part III - Chapter Six?**

- a. In a cell at the Ministry of Love
- b. In the meadow where he and Julia made love
- c. In the Chestnut Tree Café
- d. In the Records Department

# INFORMAL QUIZ

**6. What does Winston trace in the dust on the table?**

- a.  $2 + 2 = 5$
- b. Down with Big Brother
- c. Freedom is slavery
- d. War is peace

# CHAPTER NINE REVIEW

- *“Big Brother is infallible and all-powerful. Every success, every achievement, every victory, every scientific discovery, all knowledge, all wisdom, all happiness, all virtue, are held to issue directly from his leadership and inspiration. Nobody has ever seen Big Brother. He is a face on the hoardings, a voice on the telescreen. We may be reasonably sure that he will never die, and there is already considerable uncertainty as to when he was born. Big Brother is the guise in which the Party chooses to exhibit itself to the world. His function is to act as a focusing point for love, fear and reverence, emotions which are more easily felt towards an individual than towards an organization.” (216-7)*



# CHAPTER NINE REVIEW

- ***“Physical rebellion, or any preliminary move towards rebellion, is at present not possible”:***
  - The proles will continue to work, breed, and die without any impulse to rebel or the power to grasp that the world could be other than it is (219)
  - Party members have been (because of a constant fear of being accused of thoughtcrime) taught to behave as the Party expects them to almost instinctually (220)

# CHAPTER NINE REVIEW

- **The alteration of past records is necessary for two reasons** (221-2):
  - So that Party members tolerate present-day conditions because they have no standards of comparison
  - To safeguard the infallibility of the Party (i.e.: in order for the masses to allow the Party to maintain all power, they must be certain that the Party is never wrong)
- Because the Party controls all records of the past and the minds of all of its members, it follows that **the past is whatever the Party chooses to make it** (222)

# CHAPTER NINE REVIEW

- **Doublethink is at the centre of all of this.** It is what makes any of the Party's transgressions possible.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- We previously discussed how the paperweight is a symbol of the “safe haven” that Winston and Julia have created in the room above Mr. Charrington’s shop. What is the significance of the paperweight shattering at the end of Part II?
- O’Brien tells Winston that Julia betrayed Winston almost immediately. Do you think this is true, or is O’Brien simply trying to coax Winston into betraying her in return? Explain.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why doesn't the Party simply kill rebellious members?
- How do O'Brien and Winston's definitions of the nature of existence differ?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When Winston asks O'Brien what is in Room 101, O'Brien responds by saying that everyone knows what awaits in Room 101. What does this mean? What is actually awaiting in Room 101?
- What is the significance of Winston writing  $2 + 2 = 5$  in the dust on the table at the end of the novel? What does it reveal about Winston? Explain.

# JOURNAL ENTRY #3

- Imagine that you are a Party member who has been captured like Winston. From their perspective, **write a creative piece explaining what awaits you in Room 101:**
  - 1) Explain what is waiting for you and why you are so afraid of it.
  - 2) Explain how this method of torture will either be successful or unsuccessful in “curing” you of your rebellious thoughts and tendencies. Why will it work, or, why will it not?
  - 3) What will your life be like afterwards? How will you reintegrate into a “normal” life?