

Welcome to Summer of 2017 Language A IB Students!

We are so excited that you have chosen to take this journey! We know that your energy, creativity, intelligence and curiosity will work together as you embrace the challenges that lie before you.

Over the summer, we encourage you to read to your heart's content. We have selected only one essential work that is required reading: George Orwell's, 1984. When we begin class in September we will all be on the "same page" as we come together on our literary journey.

Here is what you MUST do:

Keep a dialogue journal as you read. What is a dialogue journal? It is simply a note-taking strategy in which you set up two columns. The left hand column has your questions, observations/theories and comments. The right hand column has quotes, answers and even theories that the book provides to help you respond to those things you have noted in your left hand column. In both columns, note page numbers (this will prove helpful when you use your dialogue journal to develop other assignments). Keep this throughout reading the book. You will find that you may return to your right hand column as stylistic and content elements develop more fully and help you respond to your left hand notations. Here is an example:

p. 3 Ministry of Truth bldng:

WAR IS PEACE

FREEDOM IS SLAVERY

IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

Orwell writes slogan

in all CAPS...visual clue?!

P. 16 slogan from p. 3 appears again

repetition of idea may

foreshadow impact

on plot and theme

Orwell organizes this novel in three sections, each of which has chapters. Your dialogue journal should have a MINIMUM of 10 entries per section.

Enjoy this novel. We look forward to discussing 1984 with you. Have a wonderful summer, too!