

Grade 11 HL/SL/Am English Summer Tasks

<https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/1984.pdf>

Read *1984* by George Orwell and complete the activities that follow:

Activity 1: Pre-reading table

Objective: Researching life in England during Orwell’s time

George Orwell lived and wrote in Great Britain during the first half of the twentieth century. A thorough understanding of life in England during Orwell’s lifetime provides insight into the subject matter of *1984* and enables readers to view and evaluate Orwell’s ideas and vision within the context of the political, cultural, and social landscape of his time.

Using the Internet, research the history of Great Britain between 1900 and 1955 and complete the table below.

HISTORICAL THINKING CHART		
Historical Reading Skills	Questions	Answers
Sourcing	1. Who wrote the novel?	_____
	2. What is the author’s perspective?	_____
	3. What genre does the novel belong to? Why?	_____
	4. When was it written?	_____
	5. Is it reliable? Why? Why not?	_____
	6. Who is the target audience?	_____
	7. What was the purpose of the novel?	_____
Contextualization	8. When and where was the novel created?	_____
	9. What was different then?	_____
	10. How might the circumstances in which the novel was created affect its content?	_____

Activity 2: Mind-map

Objective: Creating individual visions of a futuristic society

In *1984*, which was written in 1949, George Orwell presents his vision of a futuristic society. He speculates on possibilities about Great Britain's future government, social structure, and political system. In his futuristic vision, he includes ideas on Great Britain's relationship with other countries as well as for the life quality of individual citizens. Technological innovations and changes in family relationships play a major role in Orwell's work.

Take a few moments to consider how you envision life in a futuristic society. Collect several ideas and details and create a mind-map explaining your thoughts on an imaginative society of the future.

Some point to consider:

- Do you envision a society that is fifty, one hundred, five hundred, one thousand, two thousand, or more years in the future?
- Does your vision include plans for your country, for another country, or for the entire world?
- Do you include political, cultural, social, technological, or religious details?
- Do you envision changes in fashion, family structure, or lifestyle?