



ENGLISH LITERATURE STUDIES A LEVEL – SUMMER ASSIGNMENT



TASK 1 – READING

Before you attend your first lesson in September you need to read Chapter 1 from Part 1 of Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell. This text is available quite affordably from all good bookshops and online retailers. We strongly recommend the

edition pictured (see right). Alternatively, you can find Chapter 1 for your summer homework at the following website: <http://gutenberg.net.au/ebooks01/0100021.txt> *

TASK 2 – QUIZ

As you read the chapter look out for the answers to the quiz questions below. In your first lesson you will do this quiz from memory, to prove you have absorbed what you have read!

1. What is described as 'an oblong metal plaque like a dulled mirror'?
2. A narrow scarlet sash wound around the waist is the emblem of which organisation?
3. What does O'Brien's expression seem to be saying to Winston when their eyes meet?
4. In Orwell's futuristic world, what place name seems to have taken the place of England/Britain?
5. Who is described as 'a large burly, man with a thick neck and a coarse, humorous, brutal face'?
6. What brand name is used on many consumer products in Oceania (cigarettes, gin, etc.)?
7. Whose voice and appearance suddenly starts to resemble a sheep?
8. What term is used to describe the fate of people whose whole existence has been utterly annihilated?
9. What is 'Minipax'? And what does it do?
10. What is described as 'an act of self-hypnosis'?
11. How does Orwell describe the eyes of Big Brother on the posters in Winston's block of flats?
12. Fill in the blanks: 'Only the _____ _____ mattered.'
13. Why is Winston not used to writing by hand?
14. How old is Winston at the beginning of the novel?
15. What is the name of the underground network of conspirators dedicated to the overthrow of the State?