**George Orwell’s *1984*, Part Two**

**Time-frame: 11/21 – 11/26.**

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**Part Two, Chapter I, (pp. 105-117)**

1. How does Winston meet Julia and what kinds of conflicting feelings does he have toward her?
2. How do you predict this relationship will work out?

**Part Two, Chapters II and III, (pp. 117-136)**

1. What do we learn about Julia?
2. What is your opinion of Julia?

**Part Two, Chapter IV, (pp. 136-147)**

1. What surprises does Julia have for Winston this time?
2. How is Winston feeling about the relationship?
3. Who has the power in this relationship?

**Part Two, Chapters V and VI, (pp. 147-159)**

1. What is the significance of Syme’s disappearance?
2. What is the significance of Winston’s meeting with O’Brien?
3. What are the differences between Winston and Julia as far as the Party is concerned? (see pp. 153-156)

**Part Two, Chapters VII and VIII, (pp. 160-179)**

1. What is revealed in Winston’s dream?
2. What does Winston mean on page 166 when he says, “We shall be utterly without power of any kind.”?
3. What happened during the meeting at O’Brien’s?
4. How would you assess O’Brien as a leader?

**Part Two, Chapter IX, (pp. 179-217)**

1. What is Winston learning from the book?

**Part Two, Chapter XI, (pp. 217-224)**

1. Winston thinks he knows the end of Goldstein’s book, “The future belonged to the proles.” What happens next?

**\*Oligarchy:** a small group of people who together govern a nation or control an organization, often for their own purposes

**\*Collectivism:** the system of control and ownership of factories and farms and of the means of production and distribution of products by a nation's people

***The Theory and Practice of Oligarchical Collectivism*** by Emmanuel Goldstein

**The following are points of interest from *the book* that appears on pp. 184-217:**

Chapter 3, **WAR IS PEACE** outlines the “conflicts” in this world. It is

revealed, as Julia thought, that war is a sham. The reason for waging

“war” is to eat up the surplus of consumable goods and to keep all people

in a mental mood to keep producing for the war effort; it keeps everyone

busy and everyone’s mind occupied. By becoming continuous, war in a

way ceases to exist – WAR IS PEACE.

Chapter 1, **IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH** outlines the essential structure

of society:

o 3 kinds of people: High (aim is to remain where they are), Middle

(aim is to change places with the high) and Low (aim is to create a

society in which all men are equal, but they are too undereducated

and overworked to do this)

o The High are always intent on crushing all opposition, in this case

through propaganda, brainwashing and constant surveillance (made

possible with TV and the Thought Police)

o Collectivism is the way. Private property has been abolished.

o There are only four ways in which a ruling group can fall from

power: (1) be conquered from without, (2) govern so poorly that

the masses are stirred to revolt, (3) allow a strong and discontent

Middle group to come into being, or (4) lose its own selfconfidence

and willingness to govern.

o The make-up of the Party: Inner 2%, Outer 13%, proles 85%

o Admission to the Inner or Outer Party is not hereditary but by

examination at age 16, but proles are not allowed to graduate to the

Party.

o It would be dangerous to educate the proles.

o Party members live their lives under the surveillance of the

Thought Police. There are no laws just codes of behavior that if

broken bring purges, arrests, tortures, imprisonments and

vaporizations.

o Blackwhite (contradictory) refers to the level of loyalty to the Party

that one would say black is white.

o The past is constantly altered to agree with the Party’s latest line.

Therefore, the past is controlled by the Party. (Winston’s job is to

rewrite history.)

o The four ministries are examples of doublethink (the power of

holding two contradictory beliefs in one’s mind simultaneously,

and accepting both of them): the Ministry of Peace concerns itself

with war, the Ministry of Truth with lies, the Ministry of Love with

torture, and the Ministry of Plenty with starvation.

o Again, after reading this, Winston understood *how*; he did not

understand *why.*