**1984 Final Essay**

**Big picture topic: Are we living in Orwell’s 1984?**

Your essay can be structured in a variety of styles, but it should have an introduction with a thesis statement, body paragraphs that contain claims, evidence, and explanations, and a conclusion. You may choose to write a compare/contrast essay or a persuasive essay. Do not simply approach this topic as an “answer the question essay.” The answer to the question (to what extent have we become a dystopian/Orwellian society) will be evident through your claims, evidence, and examples. As always, demonstrate thinking in an organized manner.

Your essay must:

* Include at least three pieces of evidence from the novel (with citations). This evidence can be direct quotes or paraphrased information, but it must be cited using MLA format.
* Include evidence from at least three of the five outside sources provided. Again, the evidence can be direct quotes or paraphrased information, but it must be cited using MLA format.
* All evidence must include explanations – ho w or why is this information relevant to the topic?
* Must be written in class
* Must include evidence of prewriting and brainstorming
* Must include citations

Rubric:

\_\_\_\_Meets “must list” (if not, it’s an automatic zero)

\_\_\_\_Is legible and written in ink (if not, it’s an automatic zero)

Points earned:

\_\_\_\_Demonstrates understanding and knowledge of the novel (10)

\_\_\_\_Demonstrates understanding and knowledge of the outside sources (10)

\_\_\_\_ Adheres to standard English 12 expectations of sentence structure, spelling, grammar, usage, and punctuation (20)