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AP Literature Summer Reading Study Guide

Part One: You must complete a study guide for your summer reading novel. The study guide must be completed by the first day of school and brought with you to class. All study guide responses should be completed on this handout.

1. Title and Author of Novel:
2. Setting (place and time):
3. Provide a characterization of the protagonist in at least four complete sentences:
4. Write three quotes from the novel that characterize the protagonist (include the page numbers):
5. Provide a characterization of the antagonist in at least four complete sentences:
6. Write three quotes from the novel that characterize the antagonist (include the page numbers):

7. Name and describe the role of at least two other significant characters in the novel:

8. Explain the main conflict of the novel and how it is resolved in at least four complete sentences:

9. List **and** explain two themes from the novel. For each theme, provide at least one quote from the novel that alludes to the theme (include the page numbers):

10. What is your opinion of the novel? Explain your reasoning in at least three complete sentences.

Part Two: Answer each of the following writing prompts with a well-developed paragraph (8-15 sentences).

Prompt #1:

In George Orwell's *1984*, characters respond in different ways to the oppressive political and social hierarchy enforced by the Party. Choose one character—such as Winston, Julia, or O'Brien—and write a well-developed paragraph analyzing how that character's response to the Party's control contributes to an overall interpretation of the novel. Focus on how his or her actions and attitudes reflect Orwell's topics, such as power, resistance, or the loss of individuality. Avoid simply summarizing the plot; instead, explain how the character's response helps reveal the novel's deeper message.

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Prompt #2:

In George Orwell's *1984*, deception plays a major role in the Party's control over individuals. Choose a character who engages in deception, and write a well-developed paragraph analyzing the motives behind his or her dishonesty. Consider whether the deception is meant to help or harm, and explain how it contributes to the novel's larger topics, such as manipulation, betrayal, or the distortion of truth. Avoid summarizing the plot; focus instead on how the character's deception deepens the novel's overall meaning.

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Prompt #3:

“And, after all, our surroundings influence our lives and characters as much as fate, destiny or any agency.”

-Pauline Hopkins, *Contending Forces*

In George Orwell's *1984*, the cultural and physical surroundings of the Party's dystopian society deeply shape the thoughts, behaviors, and moral choices of its characters. Choose a character and write a well-developed paragraph analyzing how the oppressive environment of constant surveillance, propaganda, and fear influences that character's psychological or moral traits. Explain how this influence helps reveal a central topic of the novel, such as the loss of individuality, the dangers of totalitarianism, or the manipulation of truth. Avoid merely summarizing the plot; instead, focus on how the character's environment shapes his or her inner life and contributes to the novel's meaning.

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