***Nineteen Eighty-Four* Research Paper Topics**

**Due Date: Monday, April 27th**

NOTICE: The goal of the paper is to analyze the novel and draw connections between it and real-life events, both past and present, in order to further understand the influences impacting Orwell at the time of his writing and realize the prophetic nature of the book.

Requirements:

* 2 secondary sources from Gale/Galileo and 1 primary source
* 2 FULL pages-3 pages
* MLA Format

1. **Analyze the role of children in INGSOC’s war effort in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, and compare the way the party uses children to a real-life conflict(s) from the past and/or present.**
2. **Analyze the role of the proles in Oceania, drawing connections to Winston’s opinion of their function and the overall idea of the proletariat social class in real life, the past, and/or the present.**
3. **Analyze the ways in which INGSOC uses technology to invade the privacy of its citizens (and justifies its actions), and compare the party’s methods to a real-life government(s), past and/or present.**
4. Groupthink, a term coined by social psychologist Irving Janis (1972), occurs when a group makes faulty decisions because group pressures lead to a deterioration of “mental efficiency, reality testing, and moral judgment.”

**Analyze the role of groupthink in Oceania, drawing connections to a real-life past and/or current event(s).**

1. Julia and Winston both hate Big Brother and the Party, but their motives are very different. **Drawing connections to real-life people and past and/or current events, compare and contrast the motives behind Winston's and Julia's opposition to the Party. How do they differ in their ideas of fatalism?**
2. **Submit your own topic. This must be approved by me. I reserve the right to reject your proposal. If your proposal is rejected, you must choose a topic from above.**