***1984* Study Questions**

**Part I, Chapters 1-5**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. When does the novel begin?
2. Where does the novel begin?
3. Cite the caption on the posters in Winston’s building?
4. What is Newspeak?
5. What does a telescreen do?
6. What are the Party’s 3 slogans?
7. Name the four ministries of the government.
8. What is the purpose of the Two Minutes Hate?
9. What is thoughtcrime?
10. What is the penalty for thoughtcrime?
11. What form of address has replaced “Mr.” and “Mrs.”?
12. What game are the Parsons’ children playing?
13. What crime do the Parson children accuse Winston of?
14. What is the popular spectacle that the children want to go watch?
15. What is a “child hero”?
16. Who speaks in Winston’s dream?
17. What does the speaker say?
18. What is the bad news delivered via the telescreen?
19. Winston addresses his diary entries to whom?
20. Why does Winston wash his hands before returning to work?
21. How old was Winston when his mother disappeared?
22. What is the only thing that Winston remembers about his father?
23. What does Winston think happened to his parents?
24. What is Airstrip One?
25. With whom is Oceania at war?
26. What is the way the Ministry of Truth handle changes in history?
27. What is the primary job of the Ministry of Truth?
28. Who is Comrade Ogilvy?
29. Who is Syme? What is his job? Why does Winston think he will disappear one day?
30. Who appears to be following Winston?

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**Part I, Chapter 6-8**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. What is the most deadly danger one can commit?
2. Who is Katharine?
3. For what reason would a marriage request be denied to Party members?
4. What did Katharine say is her and Winston’s “duty to the Party”?
5. What group does Winston think can overthrow the Party? Why this group?
6. Who were the three Party members that Winston remembers that were vaporized for false treason?
7. What was the evidence that could/should have proved their innocence?
8. For whom is Winston writing his diary?
9. What is Winston’s Party work uniform?
10. What do the proles call a rocket bomb?
11. What does Winston find in a bomb heap that he kicks to the curb?
12. What was the only thing the proles could drink in their pubs?
13. What was unique about the proles homes and businesses?
14. What does Winston buy at the junk shop during this visit?
15. Who does Winston see outside the junk shop?

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**Part II Chapters 1-3**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. How time has passes since Winston saw the girl outside the junk shop?
2. How does the girl give Winston a note?
3. What were Winston’s 2 ideas about the topic of the note?
4. What was the actual message of the note?
5. Where was the one place that Winston knew it was the most dangerous to try to read the note? Why was it so dangerous?
6. Where is the first public place that Winston and the girl meet? (not the canteen)
7. What distraction allows Winston and the girl to hold hands?
8. What day of the week do they decide to meet alone?
9. What danger does Winston say the countryside holds?
10. What attracts Julia to Winston?
11. At what age did Julia begin breaking the rules of desire? With whom?
12. What does Winston believe will tear the Party down? Why does he believe this even more after Julia’s story?
13. What incident made Winston kiss Julia in public?
14. For what reason does Julia tell Winston that volunteer work is good?
15. What people work in the Pornosec division of the Fiction department? Why these people?
16. Where do Julia and Winston meet alone the second time?
17. Where does Julia live?
18. What idea of Winston’s does Julia think is stupid?
19. What does Julia say that Winston should have done to Katherine on their hike?
20. What does Julia and Winston realize that their relationship will mean for them in the end?

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**Part II Chapters 4-6**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. What does Winston’s heart keep saying about the affair?
2. What does Winston see and hear under the window while in the secret room?
3. What is one illegal thing that Julia brings to the secret room?
4. What does Julia say she will be and refuses to be when in the secret room?
5. What does Mr. Charrington say is a valuable thing to have?
6. What is a versificator?
7. Why does Julia throw a shoe into the corner of the room?
8. How does Winston’s reaction to the ‘intruder’ in the room foreshadow what will happen to him later in the novel?
9. Why is Winston surprised that Julia knows the remainder of the nursery rhyme that he is reciting?
10. Who vanishes?
11. What are Winston’s responsibilities for Hate Week preparation?
12. What is the picture on the new poster appearing all over London?
13. What is Julia’s impulse during the Two Minutes Hate?
14. What is Julia’s opinion about the bombings around London?
15. Where is Winston when O’Brien approaches him?
16. For what does O’Brien compliment Winston?
17. Why doesn’t Winston tell O’Brien the name of his coworker when O’Brien mentions him?
18. What does O’Brien offer to lend Winston?
19. How is Winston to get this item from O’Brien?
20. What happens to the piece of paper with the address?

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**Part II Chapters 7-10**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. What had Winston always thought about his mother’s death?
2. How did Winston spend a lot of his childhood days?
3. How did Winston’s mom react to his father’s disappearance?
4. What did Winston do with his sister’s chocolate ration?
5. What did Winston find when he came home from running away?
6. When the family had nothing, what did Winston’s mom give them?
7. In what way does Winston say the proles are better off than the Party members?
8. What does Winston say the Party can never do to them?
9. Why can Winston not use the dictionary as an excuse for showing up at O’Brien’s house?
10. What does O’Brien say (and demonstrate) is a privilege of the Inner Party members?
11. To who does O’Brien make a toast?
12. What was the Secret Brotherhood question that Julia and Winston answered “no” to?
13. What does O’Brien say a messenger will deliver to Winston in the next week?
14. To what does Winston make a toast?
15. What was the change that came about on Day 6 of Hate Week that cause Winston to work so much more?
16. Who did the people say had sabotaged their banners and posters for Hate Week?
17. What is one of the two great problems the Party is trying to solve?
18. How do Winston and Julia realize that they have been caught?
19. Where was the telescreen?
20. Whose voice was on the telescreen?

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**Part III, Chapters 1-2**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. Where is Winston when this section begins?
2. How is the behavior of the Party members and the other prisoners different?
3. Whom does Winston think of most often in his jail cell?
4. Who was the first prisoner that Winston knew?
5. Where do the guards take this prisoner?
6. Who was the second prisoner that Winston knew?
7. For what crime was this prisoner arrested?
8. Who reported the crime of this prisoner?
9. What did the chinless man offer the skull faced prisoner?
10. How did the guards react to this offer between the men?
11. Where is the skull faced man taken?
12. What does Winston hope O’Brien will bring to him? For what use?
13. What does Winston learn about O’Brien and his allegiance?
14. Why does Winston stay so confused about the time of day?
15. By what means is Winston persuaded to confess to crimes he did not commit?
16. Name one crime that he admitted to but did not commit?
17. Where does O’Brien order Winston to be taken to be tortured more?
18. What is Winston’s sickness that O’Brien is trying to cure?
19. What does O’Brien tell Winston that he will never be capable of again?
20. How is Winston able to get any sleep?
21. What did O’Brien say is the price of sanity?
22. According to O’Brien, at what had Winston failed that resulted in his arrest?
23. What does O’Brien say is done to all confessions given at the Ministry of Love?
24. What does O’Brien say was the idea left with Jones, Aaronson, and Rutherford before their deaths?
25. In what condition did they beg to die?

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**Part III, Chapters 3-4**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. What are the three stages of reintegration?
2. What was Winston’s question about Big Brother that made him doubt his sanity?
3. Who wrote Goldstein’s book?
4. What is the Party most interested in?
5. What does O’Brien say the object of torture is?
6. According to O’Brien, where is one’s reality?
7. How does one man assert power over another?
8. What is O’Brien’s “picture of the future” that he describes to Winston?
9. Give one description of Winston’s battered body that he saw in the mirror?
10. What kind of dreams is Winston having in his new jail cell?
11. What is Winston’s new idea about the past?
12. What did Winston cry out during a dream?
13. How does Winston say is the only way to keep a secret?
14. What does Winston say will be for him in the end?
15. What does O’Brien say that Winston must do other than just obey Big Brother?

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**Part III, Chapters 5-6**

**Mrs. Chalk**

1. Where were the cells where Winston had been tortured?
2. Where were the cells where Winston had been interrogated?
3. Where does Winston’s final torture take place?
4. What is the “worst thing in the world” for Winston?
5. What does Winston say to try to save himself from the final torture?
6. What had this final torture made Winston do that he had sworn never to do?
7. What is Winston’s new hangout?
8. About what is Winston waiting to hear from the telescreen?
9. Who is Oceania at war with?
10. What does Julia’s body remind Winston of when they unexpectantly meet?
11. What do Winston and Julia admit to each other?
12. What does Winston want to do than follow Julia?
13. What is Winston’s latest false memory that we see?
14. What is the telescreen’s announcement about the war?
15. Who is Winston’s new love?