

British Literature Summer Reading Assignment **Seniors 2023-24**

Assigned Novels:

- *1984*, George Orwell

Welcome to British Literature! An important component of the English program is the Summer Reading assignment. The three main goals of this assignment are to **keep you active in reading, broaden your horizons, and challenge your thinking skills.** The Summer Reading Assignment is a graded assignment; your knowledge of the work's content will be discerned through a visual depiction, summative assessment, and essay. The poster will be due during the first full week of school; the date of the essay will be announced in class.

I. Theme Project: A Visual Analysis of Theme – Due at the end of first week of school or as assigned in class.

- **The Visual Analysis** (assigned during the first week of school)
 - You will create a visual representation of a theme of the novel.
 - **As you read this summer**, pay attention to why you think the author wrote the book: what message or observation about life is the author putting forth?
 - More details about how to complete this assignment will be provided the first week of school.

II. Thematic Essay: Written during school.

- You will be writing a thematic literary analysis essay on the novel.
- **As you read**, pay attention to the message that the author is putting forth. Remember, all authors write for specific purposes; as critical thinkers, our job is to figure out that purpose.
- We will work on the essay's construction, during class, prior to writing it.

III. Exam

- You will take an exam that will focus on reading comprehension and analysis
- The exam will not be on the first day of school; however, you should be prepared to discuss the book at length on the first day in order to prepare for your exam
- The exam will include plot, character, theme, and basic literary devices