***1984* Part Two, Chapter 9 Guide**

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1. What is the title of *the book*?
2. Why does Winston feel so good reading the book?

**CHAPTER 3: WAR IS PEACE**

3. How did the world become subdivided into the superstates of 1984?

1. Winston reads a general discussion about war in 1984. Provide an illustration of the war: Why are the superstates fighting? Where do battles take place? How many casualties are there? What do the superstates hope to gain through the war? How is society affected by the war? Will there ever be a decisive victor?
2. How does each superstate have a natural advantage against its enemy?
3. Why is there no longer any traditional reason for a war?
4. What area are the three superstates warring over?
5. Does the balance of power fluctuate among the three superstates? In other words, does any superstate ever have an advantage in the war?
6. What is the primary aim of modern warfare?
7. Why is the world actually more primitive “today” (1984) than fifty years ago?
8. Why would universal wealth be a bad situation for the superstates?
9. Why can’t the masses be kept in poverty by restricting the output of goods?
10. What does the distribution of goods have to do with war? How does the distribution of goods affect the citizens?
11. How are social classes more clearly distinguished during war?
12. Why must war be presented in a psychologically acceptable way?
13. What has happened to science in Oceania in 1984?
14. Describe the cold war that exists in 1984.
15. Why must citizens of Oceania never have contact with Eastasians or Eurasians?
16. Are there any significant differences between the societies of the superstates?
17. How has the continuous war among the superstates ceased to be dangerous?
18. How is an Oceania citizen like a man in interstellar space?
19. What is the object of war?
20. Explain the Party slogan and the title of the chapter “War is Peace.”
21. How does Goldstein’s discussion of war actually parallel Winston’s thoughts prior to reading the book?

**CHAPTER 1: IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH** (Julia is now with Winston.)

1. What is the *Low’s* hope for reform?
2. How is the *Middle* responsible for a type of tyranny?

27. What were the aims of the French, English, and American revolutions?

28. What was the political theory by the 1930’s? How did the theory differ from the revolutionary period?

29. How did the superstates grow out of the political thought of the 30’s?

30. How were these people suited for a totalitarian government?

1. What problems existed with tyrannies of the past?
2. How did media contribute to the development of tyranny?

33. How did the new High, the ruling group, safeguard its position?

1. Explain ownership in Oceania.
2. How can a ruling group be removed from power? Should the Party be concern about losing its position as the High?
3. Why do the masses never revolt?
4. What is Big Brother’s function in society?
5. How are classes assigned? What is the difference between Inner and Outer Party?
6. Can proles graduate to the party?

1. When might the proles become dangerous?
2. Define *goodthinker*, *crimestop a*nd *blackwhite.*
3. How is alteration of the past a justified practice in Oceania in 1984?
4. Why will the Party continue to rule? How are they different from past oligarchies?
5. List some contradictions in ideology that actually allow the Party to be successful.
6. What question remains to be answered for Winston?
7. Explain Winston’s thought, “Sanity is not statistical.”
8. Is Julia as interested in Goldstein’s book as Winston is?