***1984* Terms and Definitions**

**Ingsoc**

Newspeak for English socialism/English Socialist Party 🡪 political party of Oceania

**Ministry of Peace**

Concerns self with war; in charge of the armies.

**Ministry of Plenty**

In control of the economy, food, supplies, etc.

**Ministry of Truth**

Concerns itself with lies and propaganda and making history fit with the party line.

**Ministry of Love**

Deals with torture

**Doublethink**

The acceptance of or mental capacity to accept contrary opinions or beliefs at the same time, especially as a result of political indoctrination.

**Oceania**

The country Winston lives in. Consists of North/South America, and the British Isles. It is one of three super states.

**Eurasia**

One of three super states. Covers Europe and more or less the entire Soviet Union/Russia.

**Eastasia**

One of three super states. Covers Japan, Korea, China, and northern India.

**Airstrip One**

The name for the British Isles in 1984.

**Telescreens**

Fictional devices that operate as televisions, security cameras, and microphones. They cannot be turned off unless you are a member of the Inner Party. Many proles do not have them.

**Hate Week**

Fictional event in *1984*. It is a psychological operation designed to increase the hatred of the population for their current enemy.

**Newspeak**

The official language of Oceania. It eliminates many words and there are no negative words.

**Thoughtcrime**

Criminal act of holding unspoken beliefs or doubts that oppose or question Ingsoc

**Unpersons**

A person accorded no recognition or consideration by another or by a specific group. A disappeared person.

**Thought Police**

The secret police of Oceania charged with uncovering and punishing thought crime and thought criminals.

**Big Brother**

The leader of Ingsoc and Oceania, likely a figure head.

**Memory Hole**

A small chute in the wall used to carry documents to a large incinerator to censor information.

**Inner Party**

2% of the population. They rule Oceania and make policies/decisions and govern.

**Outer Party**

13% of the population. One of the social stratums. Represents the middle class.

**Proletariat/Proles**

A term for the working class. 85% of the population. The hope lies with them. They are outside of the party.

**“War is peace”**

One of three slogans. The use of endless war to keep peace in the country.

**“Freedom is slavery”**

One of three slogans. If everyone is free to do and say what they want, everyone is made weak and are slaves to their own ideas.

**“Ignorance is strength”**

One of three slogans. If the people in the country remain ignorant, they will not question the party and therefore make the country stronger.

**Other Newspeak words?**

Bellyfeel – blind enthusiastic acceptance of party ideas.

Blackwhite – contradiction of plain facts.

Crimethink – thoughts that are unorthodox

Duckspeak – speak without thinking

Goodthink – thoughts approved by the party.