

SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

English/History Department: Sophomores

School Year: 2020/2021

Assignment:

1. All students must access and read the following article and novel:
 - [What Good's a Constitution?](#)
 - *1984* by George Orwell, Part 1 (pdf attached)
2. Based on the information in the article, your knowledge and understanding, please respond to the following questions for each content area.

History

Students enrolled in **AP World History** must only respond to the Honors question; all others must respond to the non-honors question. **Answers written must be a minimum of one (1) paragraph (8 – 10 sentences):**

- **(Non-Honors)** Are democratic countries becoming more socialistic?
- **(Honors)** Are countries with constitutions less likely to become socialistic?

English

- **Non-Honors** - Please carefully read the following list of assignment requirements:
 - o Responses to the following questions should be **no less** than one typed paragraph each (6-8 sentences per paragraph). Your answers must **use specific examples to support all your claims**.
 - o Students will be responsible to hand in work and be ready for a content-based quiz **the first full day of classes. NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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occurred before the book was published, and connect it to a scene or passage of Part One that appears to be influenced by that event. Explain why Orwell may have been influenced by that historic event and presented it in his novel the way he did. **Do not simply list events and inventions of the century.**

- b. Based on your reading of Part One, infer what Orwell is possibly “predicting” for the future of our world. Which of Orwell’s “predictions” have become a part of human history, not only in communist countries but in the free world?
 - c. ***ONLY NON-HONORS STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THIS TOPIC*:** Identify and explain three aspects of Oceania that characterize it as a Machiavellian society. Use your reading of *The Prince* for Global as a guide to what makes a Machiavellian society.
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- c. ***ONLY HONORS STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THIS TOPIC***: Can history be rewritten? Should it be? For background, see page 176 of *1984*: "Thus history is continuously rewritten." Base your opinion on what you have read throughout the entire novel.