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Worksheet on 1984, Part II, Chapter 9—Extra Credit

1. What is the title of the book Winston reads? Who is the alleged author of this book?
2. How does the dictionary define the word “oligarchy”?
3. What is the title of Chapter 1? What is the title of Chapter 3?
4. What are the three great superstates and along what geographical lines are they divided?
5. What is the primary aim of modern warfare?
6. According to the book, how does present reality in Oceania compare with the world of 50 years ago?
7. What did an all-around increase in wealth threaten?
8. How does the dictionary define the word “hierarchy”? On what was a hierarchical society based?
9. What is the essential act of war? What other bases, besides an economic one, does war provide?
10. What is the status of Science in Oceania? Why?
11. How does the dictionary define the word “empirical”?
12. What are the two aims of the Party? What, therefore, are the two great problems which the Party is concerned with?
13. Why is contact with foreigners forbidden?
14. In Oceania, the prevailing philosophy is called Ingsoc. What are the philosophies of Eurasia and Eastasia called and how do they compare to Ingsoc?
15. What is a citizen of Oceania, cut off from contact with the outer world and the past, likened to?
16. According to the book, who is the war really being waged against in Oceania? What is the object of that war?

17. According to Chapter 1, what are the three kinds of people in the world and what are their respective aims?
18. According to the book, why were tyrannies of the past ineffective?
19. What are the four ways that a ruling class can fall from power?
20. From the point of view of the present rulers of Oceania, what is the only genuine danger to the Party and how is it combated?
21. What is Big Brother's function in Oceania?
22. How is admission to either branch of the Party determined?
23. Why does the Party not fear its Proletarian citizenry?
24. How does the dictionary define "orthodox"? What is the Newspeak word for a naturally orthodox person?
25. What does the Newspeak word "crimestop" mean and what does it include?
26. What two reasons are given for the necessity of altering the past?
27. What is "reality control" or doublethink?
28. How does the book describe the people in Oceania who are the most intelligent and therefore most aware of what is happening?
29. List each of the four ministries of government along with what each is concerned with.
30. What are your thoughts on Chapter 9?