

1984 Theme Analysis Essay

To help review and fully analyze the common themes from this novel, let's write a five paragraph essay focusing on how one of the overall theme is fully developed through these characters and events that happens over the course of this text. Follow the prewriting steps below and be sure to complete all steps to ensure success!

1. Themes: Select ONE...

- Alienation (when an individual separates himself/herself from a group)
- Love
- Individuality/Freedom of Thought and Speech
- Government Control
- Appearance vs Reality

2. Brainstorm: Complete the chart below using specifics from the text. (Note: This information is the supporting details for the body paragraphs.)

Character / Plot Event (Book, Chapter)	Examples to explain how character demonstrates the theme (need a plot event and a quote)

Once you have finished all three details for #2, think about them to answer the following questions: How do these characters and their actions illustrate this theme?

Answer (this is the opinion and why of thesis):

3. Outline of Five Paragraph Essay

Introduction (five to seven sentences)

hook (a general statement about theme- what does this theme mean?)

background information (brief summary/explanation of 1984 and character(s) that you will discuss)

thesis (Subject (theme) + opinion + why (see above answer)

i.e. Since Winston shows love for Julia, he demonstrates that he could not be a trusted and honest Party member as he is expected to be in the society of Oceanina.

First Body Point (seven to 10 sentences)

Topic sentence (state character and how this character shows theme):

Supporting detail

-need context of quote (What's going on in the text?)

- introduce quote (Who is speaking? About what?)

- state direct quote from text (Should be listed on chart)

Explain detail (**how** does this quote explain the character and theme):

Analyze detail (**why** does this quote explain the character and theme):

Wrap-up point of paragraph:

Second Body Point (seven to 10 sentences)

Topic sentence (state character and how this character shows theme):

Supporting detail

-need context of quote (What's going on in the text?)

- introduce quote (Who is speaking? About what?)

- state direct quote from text (Should be listed on chart)

Explain detail (**how** does this quote explain the character and theme):

Analyze detail (**why** does this quote explain the character and theme):

Wrap-up point of paragraph:

Third Body Point (seven to 10 sentences)

Topic sentence (state character and how this character shows theme):

Supporting detail

-need context of quote (What's going on in the text?)

- introduce quote (Who is speaking? About what?)

- state direct quote from text (Should be listed on chart)

Explain detail (**how** does this quote explain the character and theme):

Analyze detail (**why** does this quote explain the character and theme):

Wrap-up point of paragraph:

Conclusion (five sentences)

Rephrase thesis

How does the theme relate to reader's lives of today?

What can one learn from these characters to make future decisions?