

Nineteen Eight-Four - Universal Theme Writing Assignment

Directions:

1. After reading *1984*, choose one (1) of the universal themes that relates to your novel. The following themes may not be used: war, fear, or hate.
2. In an in-depth, educated, well-written piece of writing, analyze how the author creates, uses, and develops the universal theme.
3. You will use **ALL** of the writing tools supplied to you from this class – especially, the *10 Steps to An Effective Piece of Writing* and the essay construction plan.
4. Be sure to define and narrow the focus to the particular “sub-theme” within the larger universal theme (e.g., rather than love, focus on a mother’s love for her child).
5. If you believe there is a strong universal theme not listed, then have it approved by Mr. Shoop.
6. You will NOT retell the story in your essay. Instead, you will focus on how the author creates, develops, and portrays the universal theme.

Patriotism
Self-destruction
Respect
Pride
Materialism
Loss
Selfishness
Poverty
Fear
Self-confidence
Self-respect
Pain/suffering
Rivalry
Competition
Corruption
Friendship
Dreams
Loneliness

Honor
Jealousy
Conceit
Envy
Honesty
Ethics
Goals
Values
Greed
Hate
Prejudice Spiritual
Consciousness
Sacrifice
Art & Beauty
Technology
Age & Wisdom
Courage
Betrayal

Loyalty
Ambition
Peace
War
Love

Five Types of Conflict

Human vs. human
Human vs. society
Human vs. nature
Human vs. “himself”
Human vs. Fate/God