26 May 2020: Welcome back from the long weekend! You all should be finished with 1984 by tomorrow. The final book lecture will post later today or tomorrow.  
  
22 May 2020: You should be working towards finishing Part 3 of 1984. Students can schedule their progress, but need to be finished reading by Wednesday the 27th of May. (If anyone is has a copy of the book that ends at Part 2, please let me know right away.) I will be getting information out to everyone regarding the final by Tuesday at the latest.  
  
18 May 2020: Welcome back from the weekend! Google Classrooms has new comments. Finish up Part 2 of 1984 and look for a new lecture tomorrow.  
  
13 May 2020: A new lecture has been posted in Google Classrooms. New reading assignment is to finish Part Two of 1984 by the end of the day Monday the 18th.  
  
12 May 2020: Recording issues with Zoom have delayed the posting of new lectures today. I am working to get the situation resolved.  
  
8 May 2020: Happy Friday. Have a great weekend and keep up with your reading.  
  
7 May 2020: Casting papers will be returned soon. If you have received an email from me indicating that yours is missing or blank, please email me back.  
  
6 May 2020: Head over to the Google Classroom and check out the new lecture. Reading: Part 2, Chapters 5 and 6.  
  
5 May 2020: "1984 Casting" is due today. Make sure you are keeping up with your reading. Lecture 6 has posted.

4 May 2020: Remember that the casting essay is due tomorrow. Check in for more information in the Google Classroom. Make sure to be done with Part 2, Chapters 3 and 4 by today. A new lecture and reading assignment are scheduled for tomorrow.  
  
1 May 2020: Casting essay due next Tuesday.   
Read Chapters 3 and 4 for Monday.  
  
29 April 2020: Continue to work on casting ideas for 1984. Remember that it cannot be a list, it must read as a cohesive essay.  
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28 April 2020: Please look to the Google environment for the latest lecture. Email me with any questions or suggestions!  
This week's reading: Part Two; Chapters One and Two.  
Writing assignment: Cast a movie version of 1984.​ Details in the Google Classroom.  
  
​27 April 2020: Good morning! I hope that everyone had a good weekend. You all should have completed the first part of 1984 for today. Please check in to the Google Classrooms for the next reading assignment and a short writing assignment.

24 April 2020: The Writing Process Reminder is a short lecture about...the writing process. Check it out and stay current with the reading. As a reminder, we are finishing up Part One for Monday.

22 April 2020: Thank you all for your patience yesterday with the lecture posting issues. Please make sure to check out the lecture, which is posted in the Google Classroom environment.  
  
21 April 2020: Happy Tuesday! The next lecture will be released today by 2:00 pm. EDIT: The lecture is complete, but not uploading properly. Check back...the lecture is posted to Google Classrooms. It is approximately 46 minutes long. As of 2:57 pm, Google was still processing the video, even though the link was active. The recommendation is that you try to access the lecture tomorrow. EDIT-EDIT: The link is active in Google Classrooms. Tomorrow is still fine, but if you are ready to watch the lecture, it is now available.  
  
​20 April 2020: Look for some of the quizzes to be released later today. Please email me with any questions that you have over the first five chapters. This week, the reading assignment is: finish Part 1 of 1984 (Chapters 6, 7, and 8).  I will post the date for the next lecture later today.  
  
17 April 2020: All micro essays have been returned. Please look at the comments and be sure to email me with any questions. Students should have read through Chapter 5 in the book and taken the quick quiz in the Google Classroom. If you were unable to make the live Zoom on Wednesday, take a listen to that when you have time.

16 April 2020: I will be emailing out your micro essays starting today. Look for them in your mailboxes. Also, check into the new Google Classroom and take the first 1984​ quiz!  
  
15 April 2020: Good afternoon. Thanks to everyone that showed up for the live Zoom lecture this morning. I thought it went very well! If you didn't get a chance to join, please listen to the lecture (this one will be audio only since I had a problem with the screen view during the video portion). It starts a bit abruptly, but we start by talking about "palimpsests" as it is mentioned in Chapter IV. [Advanced Comp. Audio Lecture](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/adv._comp._live_zoom__audio_only_.m4a) (about 75 minutes)

15 April 2020: Good morning! I look forward to seeing those of you who can make our live Zoom session this morning at 10:00. The meeting invite was sent out to everyone, but make sure you are looking at the newest email, since I had a scheduling error in the first invitation.  
  
14 April 2020: Hello! Check your emails for the Zoom invitation to our first live meeting and Q&A session. This will be held tomorrow at 10:00 am.  
  
13 April 2020: Good afternoon. I will be utilizing Google Classroom for some aspects of the class. Please sign up for the Advanced Composition class with this code: **zwzuzkc**  
There are no assignments posted there yet, but please sign up as soon as your able to do so.   
  
Read Chapter 4 for Wednesday.  
  
I will have a live Zoom lecture with Q&A on Wednesday at 10:00 am. Please join us if you are able to...if not, I will post the link to the lecture here. Look for the Zoom meeting code in your email! (My apologies for the incorrect email that said the meeting was on Tuesday...ignore that one!)  
  
Please make sure you have read through Chapter 3 and watched the lectures.  
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Scores are going out this morning from the CommonLit reading assignment. If you did well, good job! If your score is not quite what you wanted, no worries. No one will fail this assignment if it is completed. Let me know if you have questions about anything that was on the quiz.

9 April 2020: Good morning! Here is a new 18 minute short lecture that touches on some of the interesting points to pick up on in Chapters 2 and 3 ([Adv. Comp. Lecture 3](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/advanced_comp_3.mp4)). I won't ruin any surprises if you haven't quite finished the reading yet, but hopefully it will help. Tomorrow Friday, April 10) starts the three-day Spring Holiday, so finish your reading today and enjoy a little time off after the last couple of weeks of adaptation! See you Monday!  
  
8 April 2020: Good morning! If you haven't watched the lecture from Monday, please take a look at your earliest convenience. Be sure to keep up with the reading (this week is Chapters 2 and 3) and send me any questions or comments.  
  
6 April 2020: Look for your second class lecture to post by noon today. You should be finished with the CommonLit reading, and the micro essay (150 words on your concept of a utopia) is due tomorrow (April 7). [Advanced Comp. Lecture 2](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/adv.comp._2.mp4). This lecture is 50 minutes.  
Homework, to be completed by Monday, April 13: Read Chapters 2 and 3

**6 April 2020: Hello! I hope that everyone had a great weekend! I will putting older assignments in an archived file starting this week so that your scrolling will be minimized. I will post a link to the file for the individual classes if you need to check, or you can always email me with any questions.**

**30 March 2020: Good morning everyone! Welcome back! This morning, I will be answering initial emails from you guys and trying to make sure that everyone has the access that they need. If you have already checked in with me, thank you so much. If you haven't, no worries...I will be in contact today using the address that we have on file. Each of my classes has its own section below, so check it out and, of course, please let me know if there is anything that you need.   
  
26 March 2020: First Zoom posting! This is a greeting for all classes, so take a look and see what you think (sound quality is a little off, and my dog helped).**[**Pond First Zoom**](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/pond_intro_zoom.mp4) **​25 March 2020: Look to this space for an addendum to the syllabus for your class and for information about how to access these classes. This will be updated throughout the day on Wednesday the 25th as links go live.  
FOR ALL CLASSES, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:**[Classroom expectations](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/pond_managing_expectations_amid_covid-19.docx)

3 April 2020: Our first week back! Now that we have our basic set up established, we can start moving a bit quicker. It looks like everyone has their CommonLit access and has seen the first lecture. If you have any questions at all, please email me and I will get you headed in the right direction. A recap:  
  
​Read and complete the questions over the short article at CommonLit.  
  
Read Chapter 1 of 1984 for Monday.  
  
Submit a 150 word micro-essay describing your version of a utopia (not a dystopia). This needs to be very close, without going over, to 150 words...which means editing and revising. This is due Tuesday (7 April).  
  
30 March 2020: Here you go, the first lecture for the third trimester. Please give it a listen (it is almost 18 minutes) when you get a chance. There is a short reading assignment for next Monday and a short writing assignment for next Tuesday. [Advanced Composition Lecture 1](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/pond_adv.comp.lecture1.mp4).  
  
  
The plan is to begin reading 1984 by George Orwell. We will do a very easy beginning to the re-start during the week of 30 March.  
  
Please start by reading the classroom expectations and then signing up for my CommonLit.com classroom. The instructions to do this are below. This virtual classroom is where I will post assignments and links to supplemental material. Once you have signed up for the classroom, you can utilize the first assignment link that is listed after the sign up instructions. The book is available on-line as well, and that link is posted below.  
[CommonLit.com sign up instructions](http://weebly-file/5/9/3/0/59304083/adv.comp._how_to_sign_up_for_common_lit_2020.docx). (This should show up as a download indication at the bottom of your page. Open the downloaded file and proceed from there.)  
First assignment: Sign up for CommonLit and enroll in the Advanced Composition class (89ZQNQ). Then, read the following article and complete the questions:  
**First assignment: Due April 3.**  
<https://www.commonlit.org/en/students/student_lessons/4493826> (I am aware that the reading level of this article is listed as "8th Grade," but I think it does a good job of presenting what a dystopia is.)  
  
Download the free 1984 ebook. This is from Planet eBook and seems to read well. Students can adjust the view and size of print. You are also welcome to use a print copy. If you cannot do either of these options, please email me and I will see what other options may be available.  
<https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/1984.pdf>  
  
When you have completed these steps, email me at my school email address (posted above). This assignment is scheduled to be completed by Friday, April 3rd. If you cannot complete this by that date, do not worry. This is new for all of us. If you would, email me to let me know that you have seen the assignment and to check in, and that will be a great start.

<https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/1984.pdf>