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A Glimpse into a Dystopian World: 1984 by George Orwell

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The theme of conformity versus individuality is central in "1984." The party seeks to eradicate individuality and independent thought, forcing citizens to conform to its ideology. For example, Newspeak limits language, and Thought Police suppress dissent. Winston's rebellion against conformity represents the struggle for individuality.
2. Answers may vary. Students should provide reasons for their opinions, considering factors such as government surveillance, control, and the role of technology.
3. Technology in "1984" enables constant surveillance and control by the party, eroding personal privacy. Students should compare it to contemporary technology, discussing surveillance cameras, social media, and data collection.
4. This question encourages students to write a diary entry from Winston's perspective, expressing his thoughts and emotions about his experiences and feelings towards the party. Answers will vary but should reflect his sense of oppression and his yearning for freedom.

