Dystopian Research Paper

Over the course of several weeks, you will work to complete the senior research project. There are several parts to this project culminating in a research paper. To have the most success with this process (and to receive credit), you must complete each piece of the project as it is due.

Task: You will examine dystopian worlds through a close comparison between our classroom novel 1984 and the outside dystopian novel you chose.

Common Dystopian Ideas

government control
totalitarianism
genocide
censorship
racism/class warfare
gender discrimination
misogyny
working conditions
slavery / slave labor
caste systems
crowd control
social manipulation
drugs
mastery of nature
collective loss of memory/history

AND PLENTY MORE! Feel free to add to this list.
What aspects of a dystopia does your novel examine?  
What aspects of a dystopia does *1984* examine?

Where is there overlap between the two novels?  
(You should aim to find two or three topics that are present in both.)

Now, you will research articles on the topics in the center of your Venn diagram.
Research Questions

The following questions will help you to track your thoughts and reach an endpoint that highlights the significance of dystopian novels.

What is each novel’s critique of the topics in the center of your Venn Diagram?

What critique do both novels share?

Below is the essential question you must answer for your paper.

How do both novels suggest that society might be able to improve? What “answer” do the novels offer to the reader?

The following two questions are advanced opportunities for presenting an analysis of your research.

What makes a dystopian novel successful?

What draws us to these types of novels?
## Research Paper Due Dates

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