1984 Study Guide Questions Section One/ Chapters III–V Inclusive

Due: Week One~ On Friday

1. Who is Winston dreaming of, what is included in the dream, and why do you think he is dreaming of this?

2. How long ago did Winston’s mother die?

3. Where does Winston work and what are his duties? Is he in conflict with his job? Why or why not?

4. What is odd/creepy/macabre about the government’s role in the media? Why do they do this?

5. Who is Comrade Ogilvy and what significance (if any) does he have in the plot thus far?

6. Define Newspeak, its function, and what role does it perform in Oceania’s society?

7. What is the Chestnut Tree Café, who frequents it and why?

8. What is “vaporized” mean in the context of 1984? Who does Winston believe will be vaporized and why?

9. What are the Physical Jerks? What is their role in society? How do these further promote the Big Brother movement?

10. Define Oldspeak and facecrime.