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# Dystopia Reflective Essay

## Introduction

For the last few weeks, we've been reading novels that detail the perils of futuristic dystopias – Fahrenheit 451 and 1984. Both novels, with their unique portrayals of oppressive governments, illustrate some of the dangers that our own society presents to individual freedom.

## Assignment

Write a reflective essay that addresses the following: What warnings is the author trying to make? Where in the novel do these warnings come through? What have you learned about the threats to individual freedoms we face today? Can you see parallels to our world and government today? What are some important new ideas raised by your classmates that helped you better understand significant ideas from the novel? How did writing blog postings help or not in this process?

## Structure

In the spirit of the blogging we've done, you have a choice on how to complete this assignment. You need to consider the organization of your ideas and your paragraphs, but you have a choice in what medium to complete your work.

You can hand in a standard 3-4 page essay or make a series of three blog postings. Whichever you choose, make sure you cover the following topics:

Warnings that the author is trying to get across about how governments can suppress individual freedoms. Use this portion to point out specific references and examples from the play that show your new learning.

Parallels between the world of the novel and our world today. Point out and explain modern day threats to individual freedom that you think fit the warnings outlined in the novel.

Important ideas and learning from your classmates. Point out examples of how your thinking and learning was affected by what others wrote. Discuss how the blogging process benefited you or not.

## Requirements

Your essay must have the following things:

- ✓ Fully-developed responses to the prompt questions
- ✓ Purposeful transitions from one idea to the next
- ✓ Examples from the novel

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✓ No gross grammatical errors