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GEORGE ORWELL - 1984

Your search for information on **George Orwell's 1984** can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Getting Background Information From Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for gathering background information about your author and his works. Listed below are some books that may be useful in your research.

Reference Books

British Writers
REF PR85 .B688

Contemporary Literary Criticism
REF PN771 .C59

Contemporary Authors
REF PN771 .C6

Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism
REF PN771 .T87

Cyclopedia of World Authors
REF PN451 .M36 2004

Encyclopedia of Utopian Literature
REF PN56 .U8 S66 1995

Literature and Its Times
REF PN50 .L574 1997

Magill's Guide to Science Fiction and Fantasy
REF PN3433.8 .M3

Novels for Students
REF PN3385 .N68

Social Protest Literature
REF PN56 .S65 N48 1999

Something About the Author
REF PN451 .S6

Survey of Science Fiction Literature
REF PN3448 .S45 S8

Thematic Guide to the American Novel
REF PS373 .A33 2002

Twentieth-Century British Literature
REF PR473 .T84 1985

Using the Online Book Catalog to Find More Books

Use the [Library Catalog](#) located on the Cerritos College [Library Home Page](#) to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. You may find books that provide a broad overview and others that give more in-depth information. Your research will most often be done using subject and/or keyword search techniques. Subject searches will bring more direct results, but keyword searches are best used when you are unfamiliar with the LC subject headings. Keyword searches allow you to use words that are associated with your topic. Try the following searches to find books about Orwell and his works. Suggested subject headings include:

Dystopias
Orwell, George
Orwell, George, 1903-1950. Nineteen eighty-four

Orwell, George, 1903-1950 - Political and social views
Political fiction
Totalitarianism

Online Journal and Reference Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

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To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

EBSCOhost

NewsBank

Proquest Newspapers

Gale Databases

Project Muse

Suggested search terms:

Authoritarianism	1984 and George Orwell
Big Brother and Nineteen Eighty-Four	Newspeak
Dictatorship	Orwell, George
Doublethink and Nineteen Eighty-Four	Paranoia and government
Dystopias	Political prisoners
Dystopias in literature	Privacy and government
Electronic surveillance	Surveillance technologies
"Nineteen Eighty-Four" book	Totalitarianism

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

George Orwell Web Source

<http://www.orwellweb.com/>

George Orwell

<http://www.k-1.com/Orwell/>

George Orwell Materials at Brown University Library

http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/lib/hay/collections/orwell

George Orwell Resources

<http://students.ou.edu/C/Kara.C.Chiodo-1/orwell.html>

Newspeak.com

<http://www.newspeak.com/>

1984 by George Orwell: A searchable online version

<http://www.online-literature.com/orwell/1984>

The Political Writings of George Orwell

<http://www.resort.com/~prime8/Orwell/>