

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU



On the 13th of October the American Drama Group was at our school a theater group which showed all 10th grades the play „1984“. It's a novel from the author George Orwell, who wrote the book from 1946 until 1948, to publish it in 1949. He wrote a fictional dystopie, which means it's a fictional story set in the future with a negative output.



The play is about a world that is divided into three power blocs: Oceania, Eurasia and Eastasia, which are at war with each other all the time. The story acts in Oceania, which includes North and South America, the British Isles, Australia and Southern Africa, with Winston Smith in England.

The play started with the end, where Winston Smith was under arrest in the Ministry of Love and got tortured by the Thought Police. The Thought Police works for the Inner Party, which means that they work for Big Brother.



After that ending scene the play started from the very beginning. Winston Smith works in the Ministry of Love in London, where he needs to correct old newspaper reports. At home they are watched by a monitor from Big Brother, but Winston found



an angle where Big Brother can't see him and writes his diary in that corner. He also knows that he will be dead when someone would find out about it, because he writes about his feelings and that he hates Big Brother. Big Brother is very strict and when you don't follow his instructions, you will get punished.

Julia works for the Ministry of Truth on the novel-producing machines. Winston recognised her in the cafeteria one time when she held a speech. They both fell in love fast, but acted like they don't know each other in public. They first met secretly in a forest where no monitors were and then later in a back room, from a guy who runs a store. Winston thought he was trustworthy to not tell anyone that they were there. The room was special because there was no monitor. At least Winston thought that there was



none. But there was. Behind a picture from a church. Winston and Julia tried to contact the underground movement which was hunted by the Inner Party. They met O'Brien and thought they found a helper and talked to him. In the end it turns out, he is also a member of the Inner Party who arrested Winston and Julia. Then the beginning scene began again when Winston got tortured. The Thought Police tried to clear his mind and brainwashed him, so he finally loves Big Brother more than everything else.



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