

## Guiding Questions

We will attempt to formulate responses to these questions throughout our reading of the novel

- What constitutes human dignity?
- How are humans torn between the desire to conform and the desire to remain individual?
- To what extent does technology improve / harm people's lives?
- Does absolute power corrupt absolutely?

## Thematic Topics

We will examine these (and other) topics throughout our reading.

- Power & Control (Totalitarianism/Communism)
- Individual & Collective Identity
- The Nature of Reality
- Sex, Love, Loyalty
- Class Struggle
- Manipulation
- Loneliness