

## Year 9 Drama Knowledge Organiser – 1984

### 1984

This is a dystopian novel and cautionary tale by English writer George Orwell. The story takes place in an imagined future. Great Britain, now known as Airstrip One, has become a totalitarian superstate which is led by Big Brother, a dictatorial leader supported by an intense cult. The Party engages in surveillance and persecutes individuality and independent thinking.

<b>Performance Techniques</b>	
Repetition	The action of repeating something that has already been said or done
Creation of atmosphere	Using performance skills to create a particular feel or mood in a scene
Physical Theatre	Physical movement is the primary method of storytelling
Proxemics	The amount of space that people feel it necessary to set between themselves and others
Dialogue	A conversation between two or more people as a feature of a play



### Tasks for this topic:

- Explore the links from the novel to our society
- Use dialogue to create stylised performance work to represent control
- Examine how character interact depending on relationships and mood
- Use movement to create a story
- Use your performance skills to create an atmosphere to your work

