AP Language and Composition: Summer Assignment 2019-2020–Due on the first day of class

Part I

1. Read 1984 by George Orwell.
2. Research instances of news articles and editorials comparing current events to 1984.
   a. Begin by doing a search for 1984-related terms in Google News at news.google.com
      i. Some terms you might consider are 1984, Orwellian, Doublethink, Doublespeak, Newspeak, Thoughtcrime—or search for any other related terms.
      ii. Collect several articles so you can select the most relevant or interesting one when it comes time to write.
   b. Read, highlight, and annotate the article.
3. Write a 1000-1200 word essay that analyzes the validity of the news article’s or editorial’s use of 1984 as a point-of-comparison. Interact specifically with both the text of 1984 and the news article or editorial as you first describe the argument made by the author and then confirm or contradict its explicit or implicit claims about the relationship between current events and 1984.
   a. This is a traditional academic essay: it should feature an introduction with a clear, specific thesis; supporting paragraphs that connect back directly to the thesis; and a conclusion that both summarizes the essay and points the way forward.
   b. Avoid the 1st and 2nd person as you write. Contractions and other informal diction and syntax should be avoided as well.
   c. The essay should follow the conventions of MLA citation. Look this up if you are unsure.
      i. Include a heading, as well as both your last name and page numbers in the header.
      ii. Any information from your two sources should be cited using in-text citations.
      iii. A properly formatted works cited page also must be included. This should not factor into the word count.
      iv. The essay should be double-spaced and written using Times New Roman, 12-point font. Do not skip spaces between paragraphs.
4. Hand-in a physical copy of both the essay and a copy of the news source/editorial on the first day of class.

Part II

1. Read “Politics and the English Language” by George Orwell, found here: https://faculty.washington.edu/rsoder/EDLPS579/HonorsOrwellPoliticsEnglishLanguage.pdf
2. After reading George Orwell’s “Politics and the English Language”, complete the task related to the assignment. Responses should be typed, insightful and employ the use of textual support. MLA citation is necessary.
3. Hand-in a physical copy of your responses to the task on the first day of class. Keep the article for your own later reference.

Part III

Read the One book; one school summer reading selection
Directions:

Complete the following task. Answers should be typed and ready to be turned in on the first day of school. We will be using this article for discussion.

Find an example of each of the four swindles and perversions Orwell describes. For each, first name the swindle or perversion. Then, quote the original paragraph and cite its source. Then, in the next paragraph, explain how the author commits this error and its effect. Finally, rewrite the paragraph to fix the swindle or perversion. You can find examples in editorials, news articles, speeches, advertising, etc.