
Eric Arthur Blair well known as George Orwell, was born in 1903 in India. He studied in England, and he travelled a lot. He came to Spain to fight in the Civil War in order to fight against the totalitarian regime. In fact, he was a socialist and he remained all his life long faithful to his political beliefs. He has been himself a journalist. He worked for the BBC and he had to distort the facts. So to fight against the dictator’s regime in Germany, Russia and Spain where people had a lack of freedom because of censorship (George Orwell outlived that when he was a journalist), propaganda, brainwashing and indoctrination, he wrote a dystopian novel called 1984. In his book, he denounces the right wing and the left wing of totalitarian regimes.

His novel 1984 is an inversion of the 1948 composition year. In fact, this is a warning to the people against the dictators because in 1948 there were 3 totalitarian leaders in the world. It’s a political and science fiction criticizing Big Brother (who embodies both Hitler, Staline and Franco, 3 omnipotent leaders). The people live in fear and poverty, they have awful living conditions: not enough to eat, they live in slums and above all they are always spied. They could be denounced and executed anytime. It’s a real dystopian setting.

The scene takes place in Oceania, a superstate which looks like formerly England.

The main character of his book, Winston Smith, works in the Records Department in the Ministry of Truth. He is a journalist who rewrites and distorts history facts. The media in 1984 change passages in newspaper articles to make them congruent with the current doctrine, like Winston does.

As a conclusion we can say that George Orwell embodies in a way Winston Smith as a committed journalist forced to write lies under a dictatorship.

“Big Brother embodies both Hitler and Staline.”

HITLER

STALINE

BIG BROTHER