

General Discussion Questions on Totalitarianism

How do propaganda and manipulation of truth sustain a totalitarian regime? Can you draw parallels with real historical or modern examples?

What does resistance look like in totalitarian societies depicted? Do small acts of rebellion matter?

How do totalitarian systems exploit human weaknesses such as fear, desire for security, or need for belonging?

Can literature suggest that personal freedom is more psychological than political in such societies?

What warnings do works about totalitarianism offer to readers in democratic societies? Are they still relevant today?