List five facts about George Orwell - use books/the internet to help you:
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Name five things that George Orwell wrote:
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RUSSIAN REVOLUTION: BACKGROUND
By 1917, most Russians had lost faith in the leadership ability of Czar Nicholas II. Government corruption was rampant, the Russian economy remained backward, and Nicholas repeatedly dissolved the Duma, the Russian parliament established after the 1905 revolution, when it opposed his will. However, the immediate cause of the February Revolution—the first phase of the Russian Revolution of 1917—was Russia’s disastrous involvement in World War I (1914-18). Militarily, imperial Russia was no match for industrialized Germany, and Russian casualties were greater than those sustained by any nation in any previous war. Meanwhile, the economy was hopelessly disrupted by the costly war effort, and moderates joined Russian radical elements in calling for the overthrow of the czar.

FEBRUARY REVOLUTION: 1917

The February Revolution began in 1917 when demonstrators clamouring for bread took to the streets in the Russian capital of Petrograd (now called St. Petersburg). Supported by huge crowds of striking industrial workers, the protesters clashed with police but refused to leave the streets. On March 10, the strike spread among all of Petrograd’s workers, and irate mobs destroyed police stations. Several factories elected deputies to the Petrograd Soviet, or council, of workers’ committees, following the model devised during the 1905 revolution.

On March 11, the troops of the Petrograd army garrison were called out to quell the uprising. In some encounters, regiments opened fire, killing demonstrators, but the protesters kept to the streets and the troops began to waver. That day, Nicholas again dissolved the Duma. On March 12, the revolution triumphed when regiment after regiment of the Petrograd garrison defected to the cause of the demonstrators. The soldiers subsequently formed committees that elected deputies to the Petrograd Soviet.

The imperial government was forced to resign, and the Duma formed a provisional government that peacefully vied with the Petrograd Soviet for control of the revolution. On March 14, the Petrograd Soviet issued Order No. 1, which instructed Russian soldiers and sailors to obey only those orders that did not conflict with the directives of the Soviet. The next day, March 15, Czar Nicholas II abdicated the throne in favour of his brother Michael (1878-1918), whose refusal of the crown brought an end to the czarist period of rule.
Summarise what you’ve learned about the Russian Revolution. Just look for key points – you shouldn’t rewrite the text, so don’t try to cover everything!

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Explain how language has been used in that writing to make the revolution seem like an angry and violent period of time.

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Creative Writing – imagine there has been a political revolution in the UK, which began in Hartlepool. Write a newspaper account of the first days of the revolution.
You will be reading a story called ‘Animal Farm’. Write the beginning of your own story based on this title.

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You need to learn the meaning and spelling of the following ten words.

1) Fable
2) Allegory
3) Communism
4) Marxism
5) Society
6) Dictator
7) Commandments
8) Proletariat
9) Revolution
10) Propaganda

Use each word in a sentence in the space below, proving you know what it means.

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Extra reading: your homework expectation is to read for twenty minutes a night, every night. Why not try some of the following?
Whether you read your AR book from the school library, or a book from home, you could try to complete some of the following activities.

The idea is that they are a little more creative, and allow you to respond to what you’ve read without having to write an essay or an analysis.

Design a costume for one of the characters. Annotate it, explaining your choices.

Books in a hurry: sum your book up in as few words as possible! Feel free to illustrate your key chosen points.

Design a cover for the book you’ve just read. You could write a blurb for the back.

Imagine you are one of the main characters. Create your social media profile.

Lonely hearts ad: imagine one of the characters in your book is looking for love. Write an advert they place in a newspaper, promoting themselves and explaining what they want from a partner.
A note to parents and carers,

The most important reason to read is because it’s enjoyable – we would like your child to view reading as a luxury and not a chore. Children who read for pleasure in their spare time perform significantly better at school than other pupils. The most important thing you can do for your child is to read with them, and to monitor what they are reading independently.

Ideally, they should read every single day – little and often is the way forward!

Your child’s homework for English is to complete this booklet, to the best of their ability, and to read as much as they can and as often as they can. They should always have a book from the school library, but obviously they can read their own books from home should they wish to do so. They can quiz on the books they read once they return to school – quizzing on the books they have read in school is our way of monitoring their understanding and their progress, as well as building an element of challenge and competition. Successful quizzing enters students into our weekly prize draw!

To support us in helping your child, we ask that you complete the following log at the end of every week so that their English teacher can monitor how often they’re reading at home.

Thank you,

Mr Wootton
Head of English

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