

Discuss the questions and give reasons for your answers, using examples from the text.

1. Read the first ten lines of chapter 1. How do these lines set the tone and mood of the extract?
2. What kind of place is Victory Mansions? Is it described in pleasant or unpleasant terms?
3. How is Winston Smith described physically? What might the writer be trying to show through this description about the society in which Winston lives?
4. What's Winston's attitude to the telescreen? How do you know?
5. What's the purpose of the telescreen? What does the newsreader on the telescreen tell us about the society of the novel?
6. Who do you think Big Brother is? How and why is he 'watching' everyone?